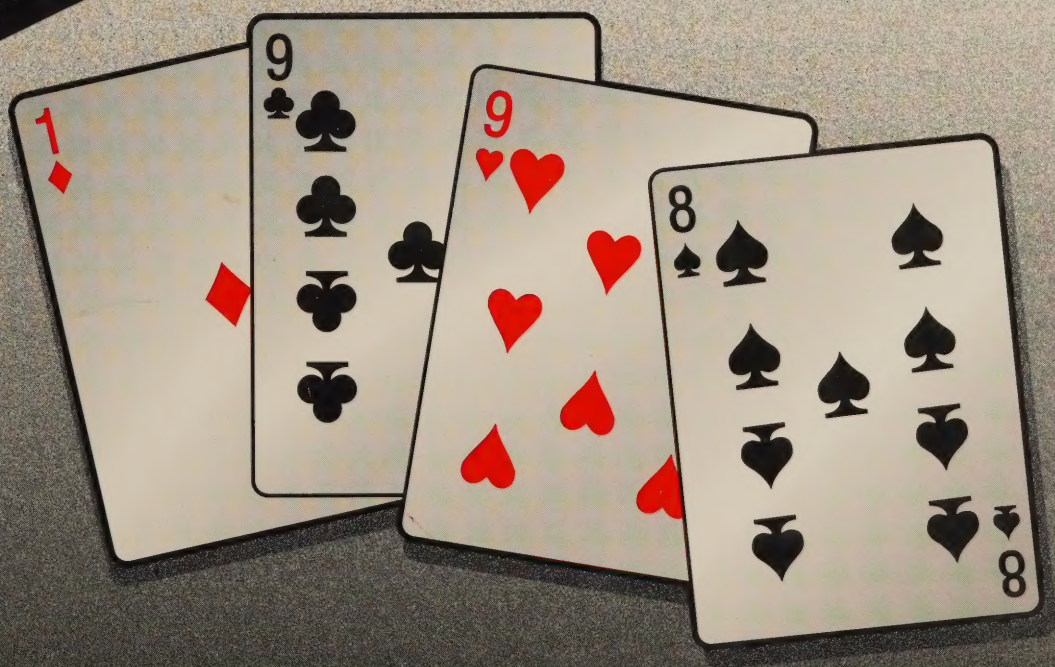
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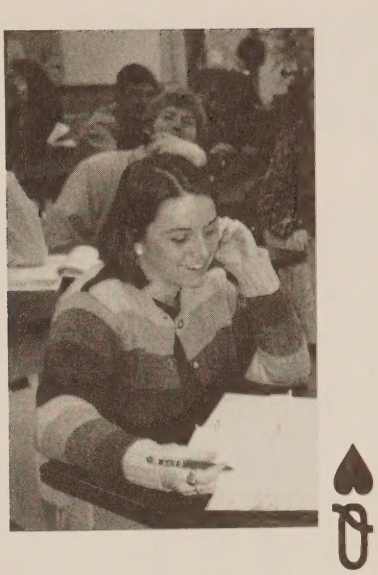
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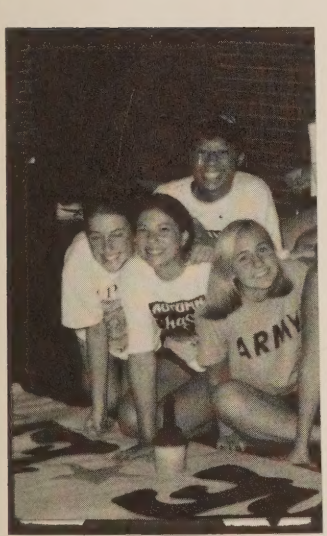
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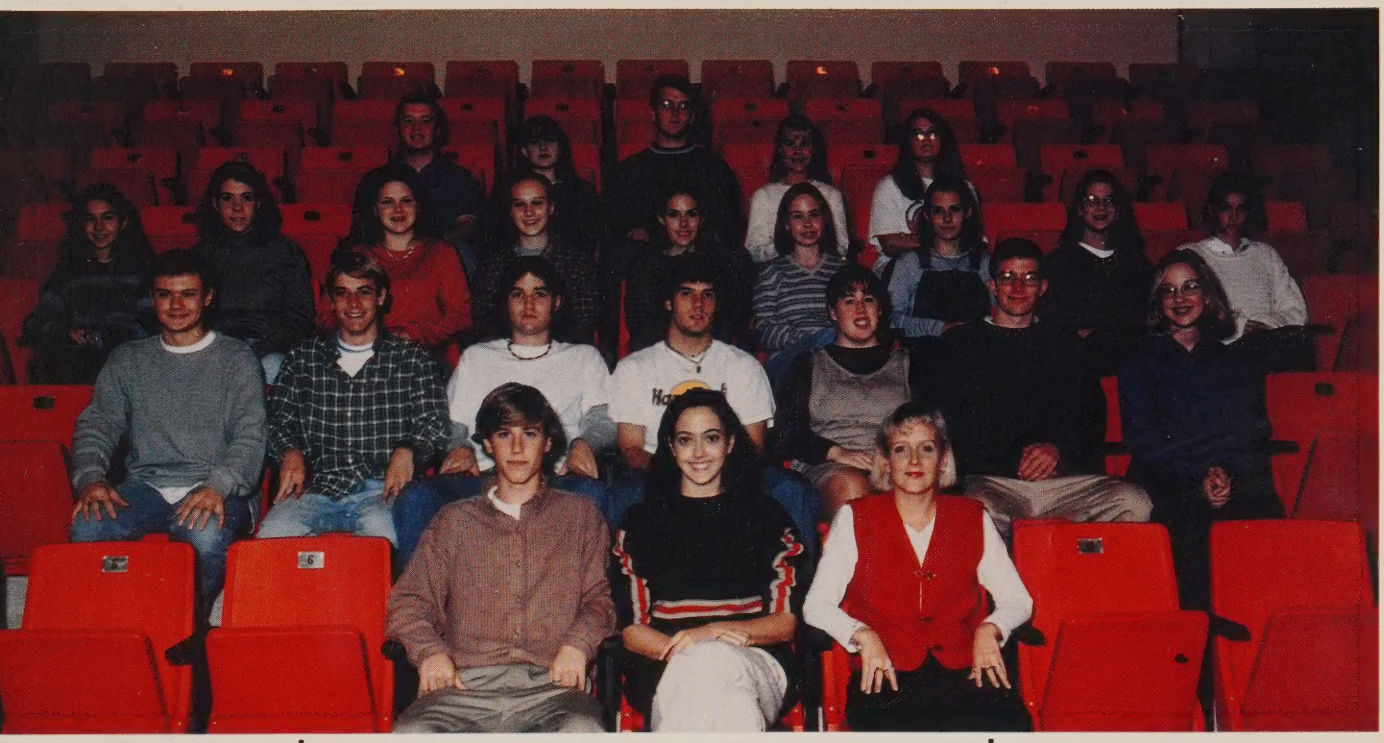


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Play Your Cards Right



A Remarkable Staff

First Row: Rob Bressler, Tasha Sokolow, Sponsor Kristin Palmer Second Row: Jason Preece, Justin Norton, Adam Combs, Scott Ellis, Erin Lucas, Alan Whitner, Pam Hagy Third Row: Elena Schiano, Amy Arnold, Brandi Owens, Brandy Whicker, Tracy Decker, Candy Whicker, Alyson Cross, Melissa Grove Fourth Row: Bryan Morrison, Jessica Grogan, Jeb Rohr, Shelley Straley, Sandra Ross Not Pictured: Candace Hughes, Scott Leonrad and Sarah Tipton

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Hands Down

As we 'shuffled' through the halls on the first day this year, some for the first time, some for the last, we had no idea what kind of hand we would be dealt. But, we had the 'luck of the draw' and had another great year here at VHS.

In a thrilling victory, our football team defeated crosstownrivals Tennessee High 28-14 at the Stone Castle in the annual city championship.

Our teachers and administrators also became very involved in activities this year. The ideas and methods of International Baccalaureate were introduced this year in hope that it might become a mainstay at Virginia High. Another program, High Schools That Work, was introduced to help prepare students for their future work environment.

There were also some new faces added this year to our teaching staff. Mrs. Rose Schlatter teaches Tech Prep English to 9th, 10th, and 12th graders, and former Naval officer, Mr. Stan Shoun, teaches Physics and SAT Math Review.

As always, the prom, graduation, Homecoming, and V-T Week were a success adding more excitement and enjoyment to an already great year. These events will become wonderful memories in the years to come, but most importantly, the memories of the time spent just hanging out with our friends will be shared for a lifetime. Hands down, it was an excellent year that will always be remembered.

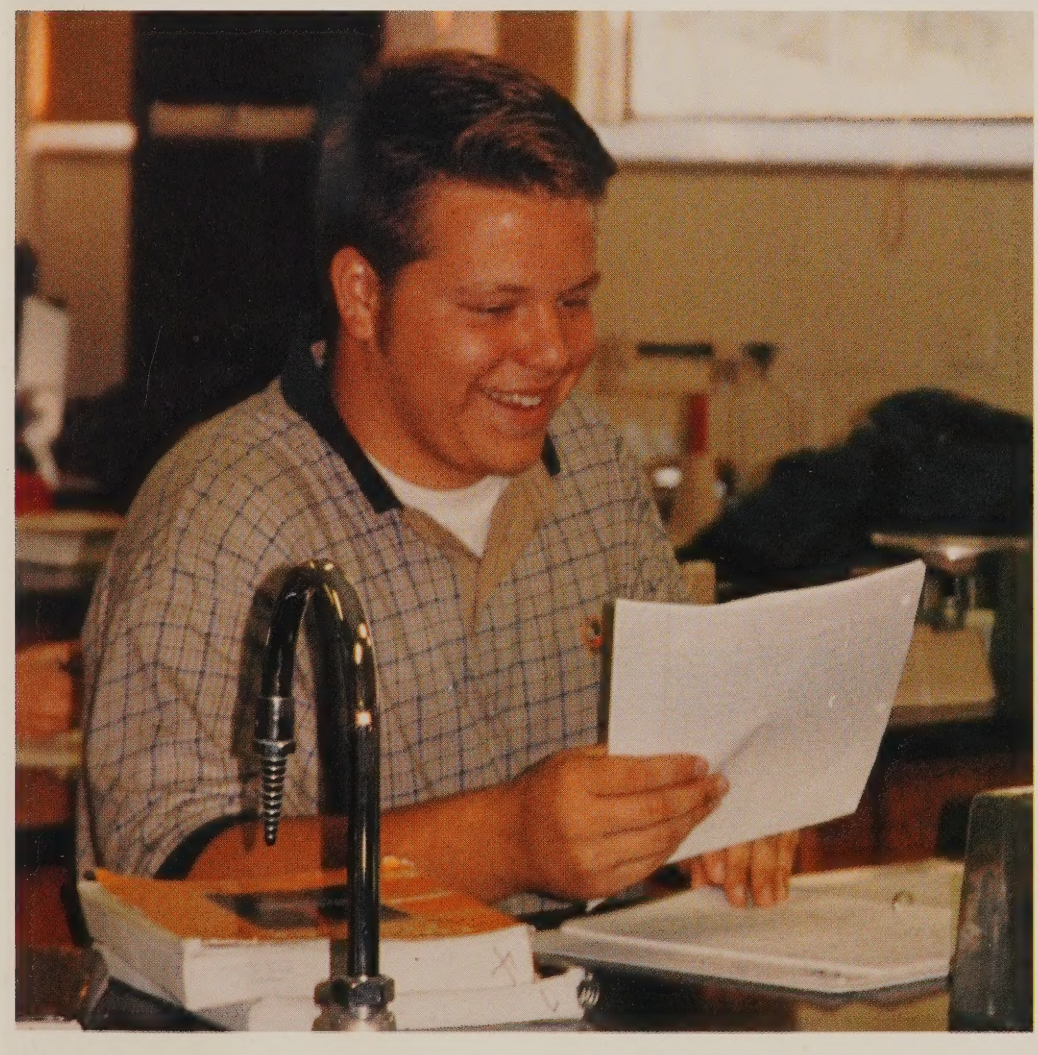
Rob Bressler



The Thinker - Dr. John Sessoms is in deep thought while pondering over papers. During the past two years Dr. Sessoms has been principal, he has tried to make OHS a better learning enviornment.

Queen for a Day - Homecoming candidate and their escorts pose for a picture after the half time presentation. Krista Burnette was crowned 1997-98 Homecoming Queen.







Up in Flames - The flames are flying high at the annual O-T bonfire. OHS students, faculty, and staff, as well as, members of the community enjoy this traditions every year.

Young Einstein - Senior Tony O'Dell smiles as he receives his test in Chemistry II.

Flashback- OHS girls get into the "groove" on hippie day during O-T Week. Styles of the 60's and 70's have become popular again in fashion and music.



Munchkins- The day-care children say "Cheese" for the camera. The day-care program provides young mothers an opportunity to continue their education and have a safe place for their children.

Fish out of water- Junior Heather Hicks and Sophomore Leigh Evans take a break from their swimming events to smile for the camera. The swim team looked forward to another successful season this year.



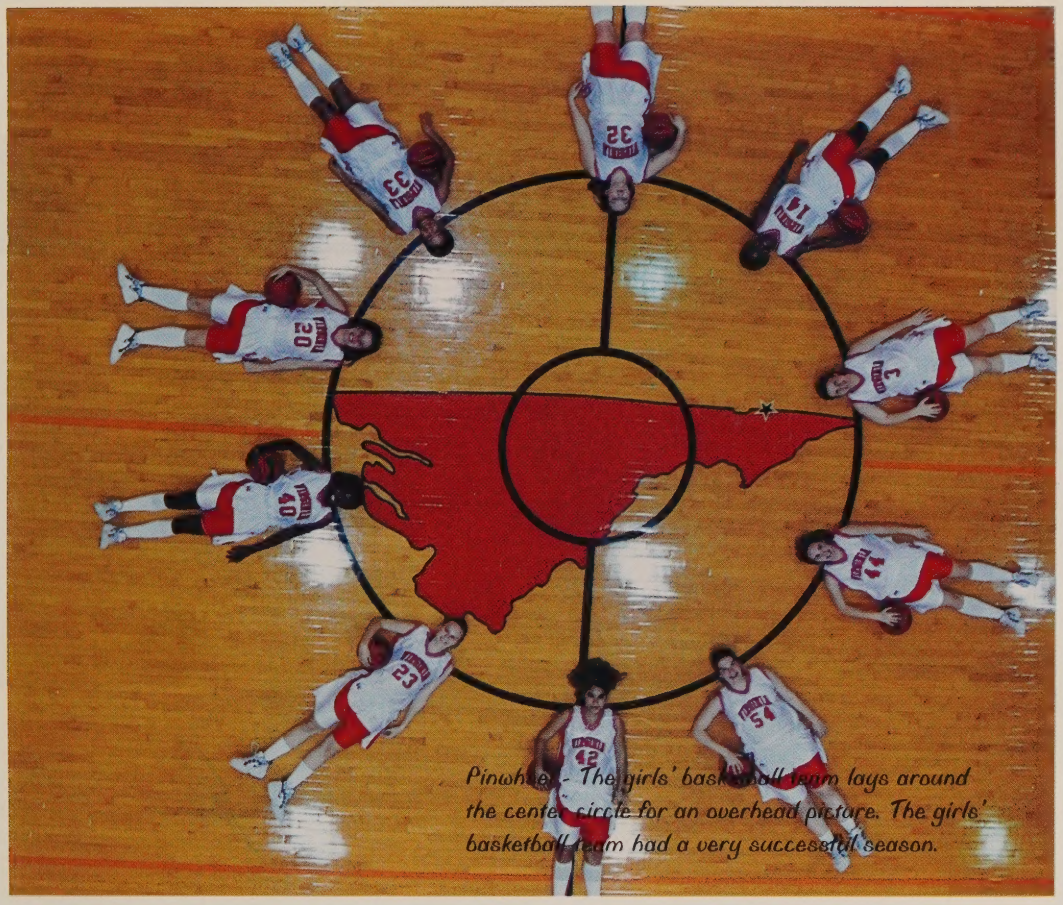




Any Last Requests? - Senior jack Wagner and fellow bearcats are getting ready to toast the Viking dummy in the O-T Bonfire. The Bonfire has been a long standing tradition at OHS.



Lock and Load - Senior Jeremy Christian, junior Tyler Kirk, and sophomore Michael McInnis show their O-T spirit at Gattiland. O-T week provides stuents with activities for every night of the week..



Pinwheel - The girls' basketball team lays around the center circle for an overhead picture. The girls' basketball team had a very successful season.



Poison Ivy - Superintendent Dr. Idanna Agron celebrates the Halloween holiday by dressing as comic book character Poison Ivy.



Shuffling Through

Part of the Deck



MAKING FRINEDS, FINDING JOBS, SAVING MONEY AND BEING SOCIAL ARE ALL THE DECISIONS THAT ARE ENCOUNTERED BY TODAY'S TEENS. BUT STUDENTS CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE IN A VARITETY OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

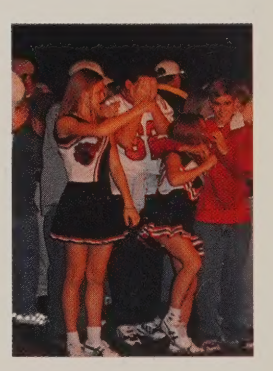
THE FRESHMAN WERE SHUFFLING THEIR WAY TO GET THROUGH THEIR FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL. THE FRESHMAN DEALT WITH NEW STUDENTS, NEW ADMINISTRATION, NEW CLASSES AND NEW TEACHERS. THEY ARE ALSO SHUFFLING FROM CLASS TO CLASS NOT KNOWING WHERE THEY WERE REALLY GOING.

THE SOPHOMORES NOW KNOW THAT THEY ARE **PART OF THE DECK** . THEY KNOW MANY OF THE UPPERCLASSMEN AND TEACHERS. GETTING TO CLASS WAS NO LONGER A SUCCESSFUL ACHEIVEMENT.

THE JUNIORS ARE DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH. THEY HAVE ONE MORE YEAR TO PROVE THEMSELVES AND MAKE THE GRADE.

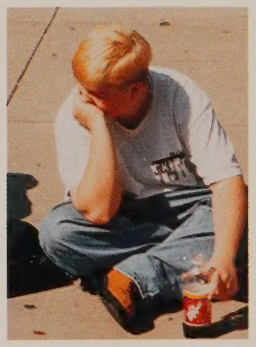
THE SENIORS PLAYED THEIR CARDS RIGHT AND NOW THEY ARE GRADUATING. MANY WILL BE GOING TO COLLEGE AND SOME WILL BE HOLDING DOWN JOBS.

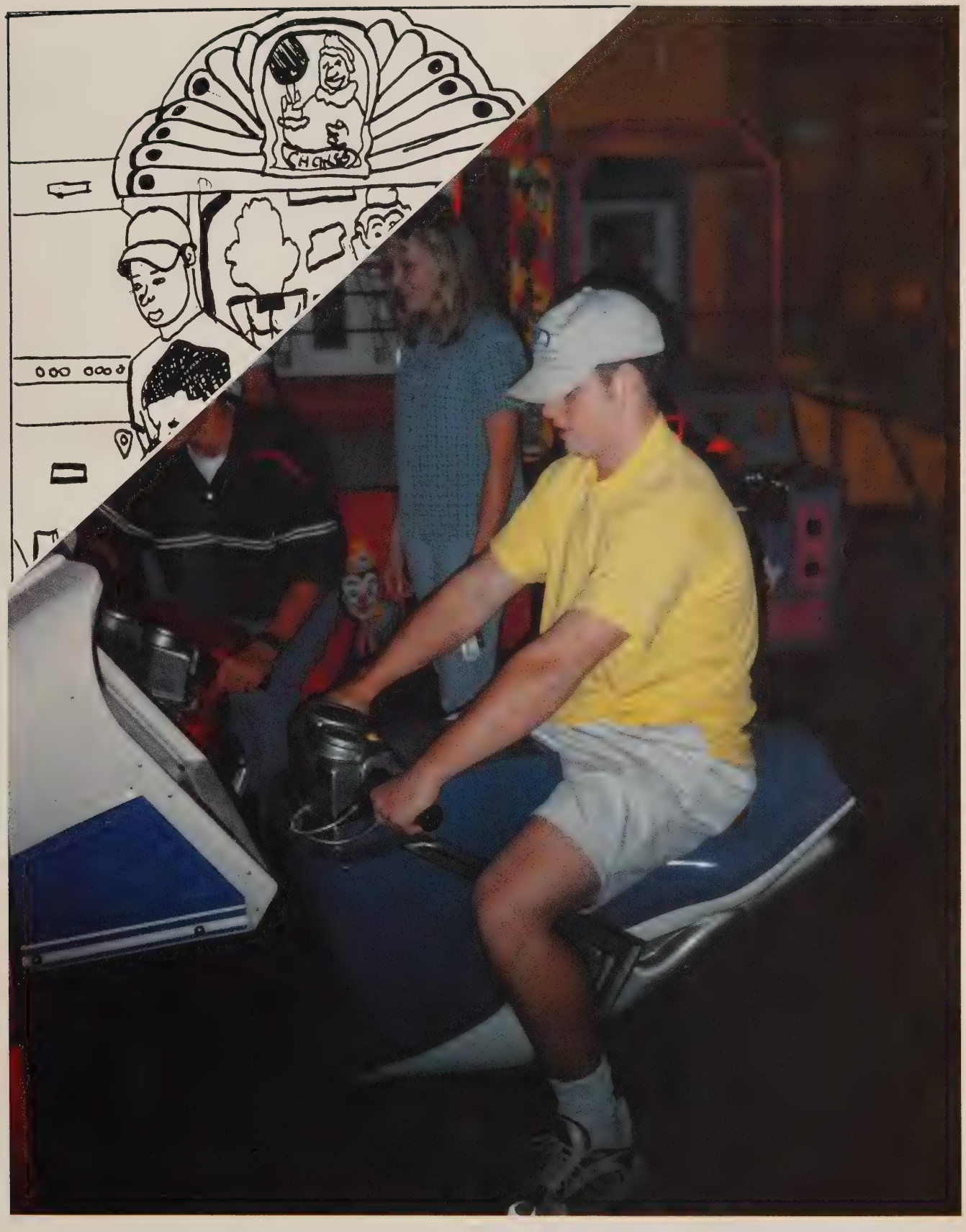
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Burn Baby Burn - Rowdy Virginia High fans watch as the traditional bonfire burns. V-T week is a special highlight for students, faculty and the community.

The Great Thinker - Senior, Cinnamon Brewer, talks to her friends at lunch as she ponders on her last year at Virginia High. Students were able to visit with friends while enjoying a healthy meal.





ROYAL FLUSH

The 1997-1998 Homecoming week was an eventful showcase of spirit. Starting October 13, students showed their Bearcat pride by dressing in a particular fabric. Our Homecoming game was a blazing success with a 24-13 win over the Richlands Blue Tornadoes. A spirit banner contest was judged by the Richlands cheerleaders for the club with the most spirited banner. The Art Club won with their "Spirit's Gonna Getcha" banner. The new Homecoming Queen, Krita Burnette, was crowned that Friday night. She is a promising artist, good student, and involved in DECA VICA, Spanish Club, Art Club, and the Spring Festival. For a list of the participants and their escorts, see the next page.

— Jessica Grogan



Follow Suit — The band stands in formation to play for the spirit of the bearcat fans.



Royal Suit — Our new Homecoming Queen Krita Burnette poses with Dr. Sessoms in front of the Art club's winning spirit banner.



Farewell — Last year's Homecoming Queen Jane Dellinger is escorted by Dr. Sessoms during the half-time activities.



The Queen and Her Court — The 1997 Homecoming Court accompanied by their escorts pose for the camera. L to R. Latisha Sensibaugh and Joey Fields, Jennifer Shanks and Rob Bressler, Krista Burnette and Ben Walls, Amy Dorton and Adam Combs, Jamie Butcher and Andrew Blair.

Luck of the Draw — Players from Virginia High and Richlands round up for the deciding coin toss before the big game.



In the Shuffle — Homecoming candidates and their escorts nervously get in line and prepare to walk during the half-time activities.

And the Winners Is ... Escort Ben Walls watches as senior Krista Burnette finds out she is to be crowned Homecoming Queen. Luckily for us, her moment of surprise was caught on camera.





Virginia High School
1997 Homecoming Court

Krista Burnette escorted by Ben Walls
Jamie Butcher escorted by Andrew Blair
Nakeisha Cato escorted by Scott Ellis
Amy Dorton escorted by Adam Combs
Cherith Dugger escorted by B.J. Griffin
Stephanie Everhart escorted by Adam Shields
Robin Hughes escorted by Ben Lester
Teresangela Schiano escorted by Eric Vaughn
Latisha Sensabaugh escorted by Joey Fields
Jennifer Shanks escorted by Rob Bressler

BEST OF THE DECK

V-T WEEK

As cheers from the roaring crowd filled the Stone Castle, V-T week came to a glorious end as the students flooded the field to congratulate the players on a superb victory over Tennessee High, 28-14.

The week was filled with various activities for the student body. The week started with a pre- V-T dance following the Lebanon game. Monday kicked off the dress-up days with Pajama Day and that night was food and fun at Mr. Gatties. Hippie Day and movie night filled up Tuesday. Wednesday, everyone came in their Sunday's best for Dress-up Day. That night was Youth Fellowship Night. Thursday was Tacky Day. That night was filled with numerous activities, such as, the Hot-Dog Supper, Girls Basketball Game, Bonfire, and Dance. Halloween was on Friday, so students could go with their Halloween costume or sport some orange and black. That afternoon, a Pep-rally was held that included the Mock-Beauty Pagent. The winners were B.J. Griffen and Jennifer Shanks with their "I Dream of Jeannie" theme. Friday night was, GAME TIME, as students, parents, and the community had a great turn out to cheer the Bearcats to victory!

Justin Norton

BURN BABY BURN - Students gather around the bonfire to show there school spirit for the Annual V-T game. After the bonfire there was a dance held for all students.



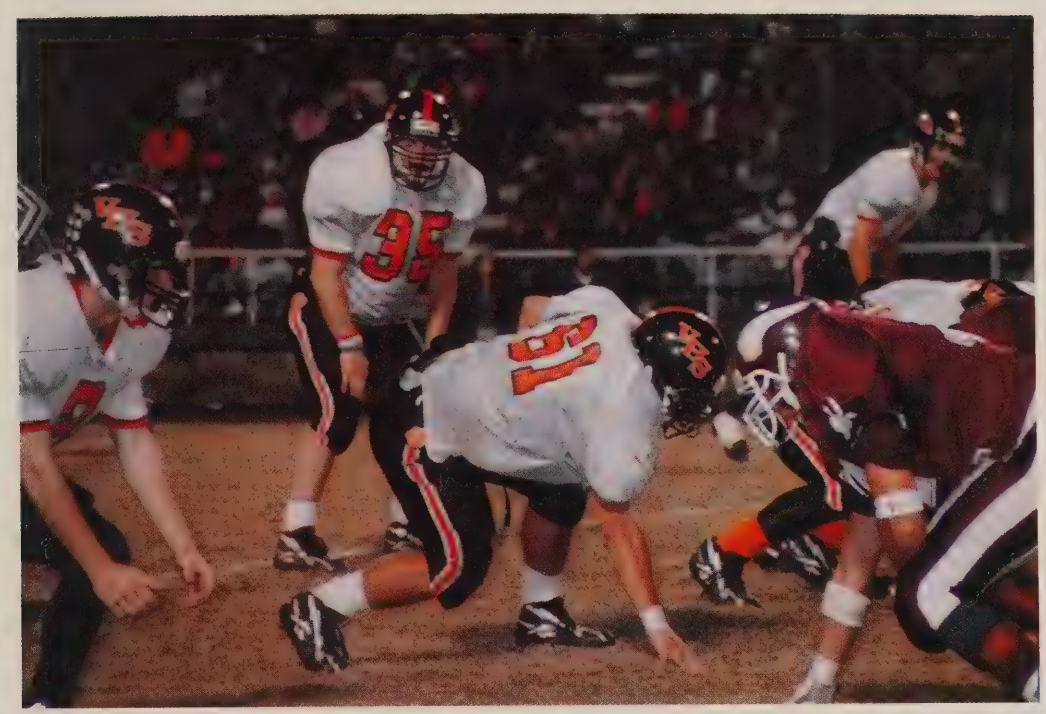


TOUCHDOWN - Sophomore Landon Richmond dashes around the corner while junior Justin Norton trails aside. Both were named to the All-City Team.



PLUNDERING VIKINGS - Group of senior girls dress-up as Vikings for Halloween. To promote school spirit, there was a dress-up day for every-day of the week.

GAME TIME



READY, SET... - Senior Jack Wagner and Sophomore Micheal McInnis get set to battle with the Vikings. Both were also named to the All-City Team.

I GOT YOU BABE - Seniors Alex Walls and Elizabeth Patterson particapate in the Mock-Beauty Pagent as Sunny & Cher. The two took 2nd place.





"I DREAM OF JEANNIE" - Seniors Jennifer Shanks and B.J. Griffin get ready for the Mock-Beauty Pagent. Jennifer and B.J. took first place in the pagent.



Coach's Corner

"I believe this was the most exciting V-T game I have ever been apart of. The effort by our football team was inspirational and something that all of Bristol, Virginia can be proud of."

Coach Locke

A TO Z

THIS YEAR, THE YEARBOOK STAFF IS TRYING TO INCORPORATE A NEW TREND INTO THE YEARBOOK. INSTEAD OF HAVING THE REGULAR STUDENT LIFE PICTURES, WE ARE HAVING A-Z PICTURES, WHICH COVER ALL THE ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY LOOKING THROUGH AND READING THIS NEW PART OF OUR YEARBOOK AS MUCH AS WE ENJOYED PUTTING IT TOGETHER.

Administration

ARTIST





GEARS IN MOTION - TWO BIG PEOPLE BEHIND-THE-SCENES AT VHS, DR. SESSOMS AND MRS. HALSTEAD, DISCUSS A MATTER IN THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE.

PAINT BY NUMBER-IN ART CLASS, JUNIOR HEATHER HICKS DISPLAYS HER IMAGINATION BY PAINTING.

Bonfire

Blood Drive



BURN THE VIKINGS! - THAT WAS THE CHEER AT THE THURSDAY NIGHT BONFIRE DURING V-T WEEK.



PUMP IT UP! - SENIOR TONI DAVIDSON TAKES THE BLOOD PRESSURE OF THIS POOR VICTIM AT THE ANNUAL V-T BLOOD DRIVE.

Concerts



MERRY CHRISTMAS! - VIRGINIA HIGH STUDENTS ARE PREPARING FOR SANTA TO COME, THE FIRST STEP IS TO PUT UP THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

START ME UP! - THIS YEAR, MANY STUDENTS ATTENDED CONCERTS, SUCH AS THE ROLLING STONES, WHERE THEY ENJOYED LISTENING TO MUSIC.

Christmas Tree



Dancing Drivers Ed.



HOW TO DRIVE - THAT IS WHAT THE SOPHOMORE'S IN THIS DRIVERS ED. CLASS ARE LEARNING.



THE TWO STEP - THESE JUNIORS AND SENIORS ARE LEARNING HOW TO SQUARE DANCE IN ADVANCED P.E.

Elvis Exhausted





WATER! WATER! - FRESHMAN BUDDY ADAMS IS EXHAUSTED AFTER FINISHING A CROSS COUNTRY RACE.

ELVIS LIVES! - SENIOR B.J. GRIFFIN, DRESSED AS AN OVERWEIGHT ELVIS, POSES WITH SENIORS ELIZABETH PATTERSON AND JENNIFER SHANKS, WHO ALSO DRESSED UP AS VIKING WARRIORS FOR HALLOWEEN.

Food Friends

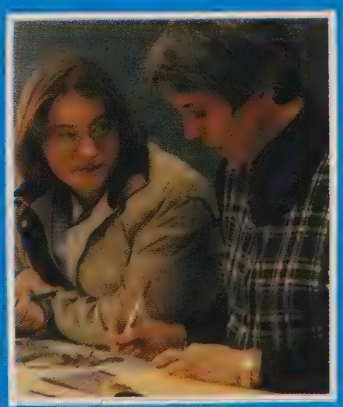
YUMMI! - THESE FRESHMEN LEARN THE DO'S AND DONTS OF EATING AT VHS.

PEACE, LOVE, AND FREINDSHIP - SENIOR NAKEISHA CATO, JUNIOR JEAN MULUMBA, SOPHOMORES LANDON RICHMOND, AND DONNIE EDWARDS HANG TOGETHER DURING V-T ACTIVITIES.

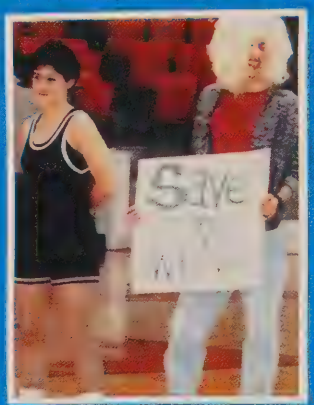




Guess Who? Getting help



A HELPING HAND - SENIOR APRIL DOSS GETS SOME HELP IN ADVANCED FASHION MARKETING FROM MRS. ACUFF.

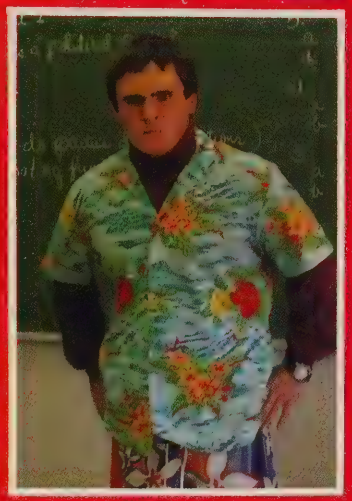


SAVED BY THE BELL - SENIORS AMY DORTON AND ADAM SHIELDS POSE AS A.C. SLATER AND JESSE SPANO IN THE MOCK BEAUTY PAGEANT.

Halloween



Go Vikings — Junior and senior girls dress pose in the parking lot as Vikings to show their Halloween spirit.



Surf's Up, Dude! — Senior Jack Wagner "smiles" for the camera during VT week.

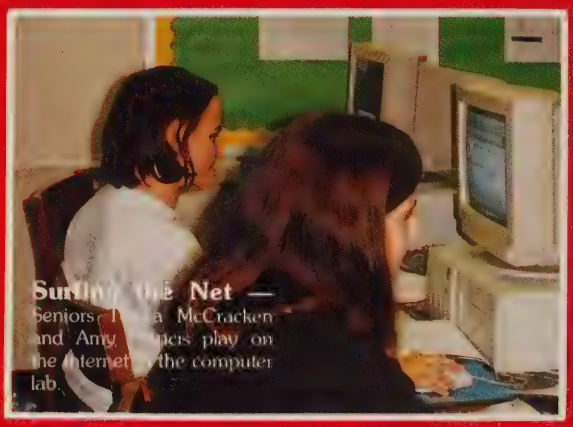
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IMAGINATION



Use Your Imagination — Senior Holt Williams paints an abstract portrait of Jerry Garcia.



Surfin' the Net — Seniors [illegible]a McCracken and Amy [illegible]ers play on the Internet in the computer lab.

Janitor

JOURNALISM



A Helpful Hand — One of the janitors at Virginia High poses for the



Say Cheese!!! — Yearbook 2 and 3 take time to pose for the camera with yearbook sponsor Kristin Palmer.

Killing time





Little Angels — Mariah Begley, Emili Drozdowski, and Kameryn Blankenship pause for a few moments to have their picture taken.

Time Out — Sophomore Daniel Schneider and Juniors Kacey Wilson and Candy Whicker kill time waiting for rides at the front door.

Lunch

LAST BELL



Time to Eat — A group of students sit outside and enjoy their one break of the day — lunch.

Celebration — Junior Jessica Pender celebrates as the final bell for school sounds.

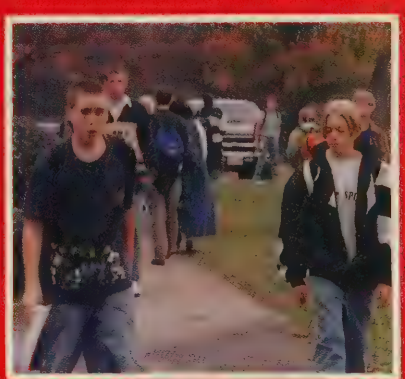


Mascot goods



Go Cats — Our Bearcat mascot cheers for our team at a Pep Rally.

School Blues — Freshmen Brian Hicks and Robert Louis dread the start of a school day on Monday.

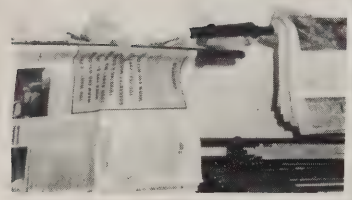


Newspaper Notes





Study Time!—Junior Adam Martin takes notes for class and works on homework in the library. Notes are an integral part of succeeding in class.



Hot Off the Presses—Senior Sarah Brooks reads the newspaper to catch up on some current events. The senior government classes are required to read the paper each Friday.

One-Act Officer



Break a leg!—Members of the One-Act Play, Robbie Connell, Amanda Hall, David Chapman, and Audra Johnson pose before competition.



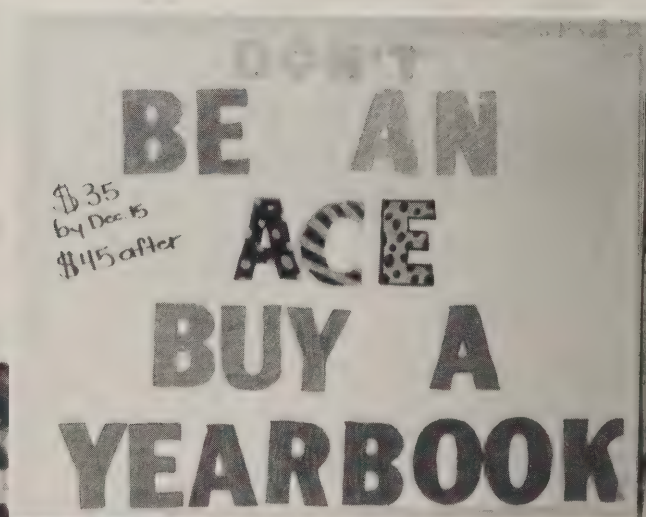
Smile Milo!—The newest member of our staff, Officer Milo Brunson, takes time out from patrolling to talk on the phone.

Pep Rally Posters

What? This year, Marketing helped the Journalism sell the yearbook with catchy posters. (Some made more sense than others!)

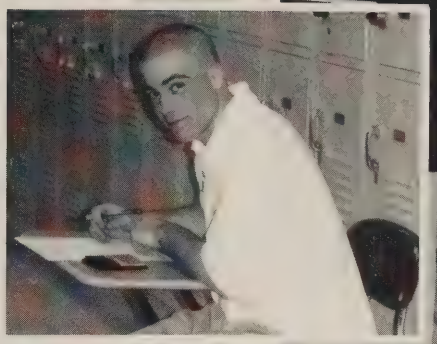


Go Cats!—The football players "get hyped" before a game during a pep rally by watching Coach Locke smash pumpkins.



Quiet Quiz





Quizzing—Senior Adam Wright takes some time out of class to make up a quiz in the hallway. While some teachers allow students to come after or before school hours, others don't.

Being Quiet...—Sophomore Sarah Woody takes a break from playing her instrument during band. Fine arts classes require a lot of concentration and skill.

Running Research



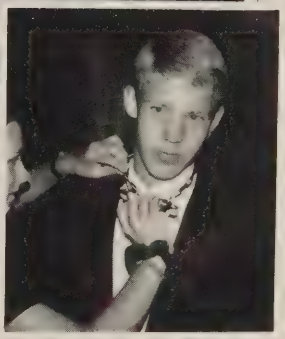


Reading and Researching—Junior Jeb Rohr researches diligently in the library for his required English paper. These papers are the least favorite assignment of the year for most students.

Senior Sprinting...-Senior Karen Barnes races to beat the clock and other runners to the finish line in a cross country meet. This year's team had an impressive season.

Spartans Senior pictures





The Perfect Cheerleaders!—Seniors Jeremy "Bam-Bam" Christian and Candace Hughes smile before the mock beauty pagent.

Getting Glammed Up—Junior Candy Whicker aids Eric Vaughn in adjusting his tie on senior picture day.

Tests birds



CONCENTRATION — STUDENTS WORK HARD TO MAKEUP WORK MISSED. MANY STUDENTS ARE MADE TO COMPLETE ASSIGNMENTS IN THE HALL.

GREASE IS THE WORD — THE T-BIRDS, SOPHOMORE NATHAN OAKS, SENIORS JESSE DUNCAN AND KARON SMITH, ARE GROOVING WITH THE GIRLS CHOIR. GREASE MADE A COMEBACK THIS YEAR AFTER TWENTY YEARS.

UNIQUE



SPECIAL DAYS — JUNIOR KACEY WILSON AND SOPHOMORE ALANA THOMAS SHOW THEIR BEARCAT PRIDE DURING V-T WEEK. TACKY DAY ALWAYS PROVIDES FOR MANY LAUGHS.



vavoom tweek



MISS DAISY? — SENIOR TAYLOR MCINNIS HAS GOT THOSE DAISY DUKES ON! THE MOCK BEAUTY PAGEANT IS ALWAYS A FUN EXPERIENCE.

SCHOOL SPIRIT — V-T WEEK INVOLVES EVERYONE WHO ATTENDS VHS, THE HALLS BECOME FILLED WITH STREAMERS, BALLOONS, AND BANNERS PROCLAIMING BEARCAT PRIDE.



WINTER ater

LET IT SNOW — SENIOR SVENJA NOTHBAAR LOOKS AWFULLY WARM ALL BUNDLED UP.





PADDLE UP — FRESHMEN ISRAEL GIBSON PARTICIPATES IN THE SWIMMING SESSION PF THE 9TH GRADE PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSE.

Young ahoo





WHAT'S HOT — SOPHOMORE ISAAC LITTON SURFS THE NET IN COACH DANIEL'S CLASS. THE INTERNET HAS ALLOWED STUDENTS TO RESEARCH MANY DIFFERENT TOPICS THAT OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO FIND.

FRIENDS FOREVER — COSTAVA DAVIS AND KAMRYN BLANKENSHIP PLAY THE DAY AWAY IN THE CHILD CARE CENTER.

Zoom AP

CAUGHT IN THE ACT — SECRETARY MRS. DEE HALSTEAD POINTS OUT A CAR ON THE PARKING LOT CAMERA MONITOR IN THE OFFICE.



Xtraordinary

Xtra credit



A PROUD MOMENT — FORMER PRINCIPAL TIM OUTLAW RECEIVES THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM VHSL DIRECTOR CLAUDIA DOTSON DURING HALFTIME OF A BASKETBALL GAME.

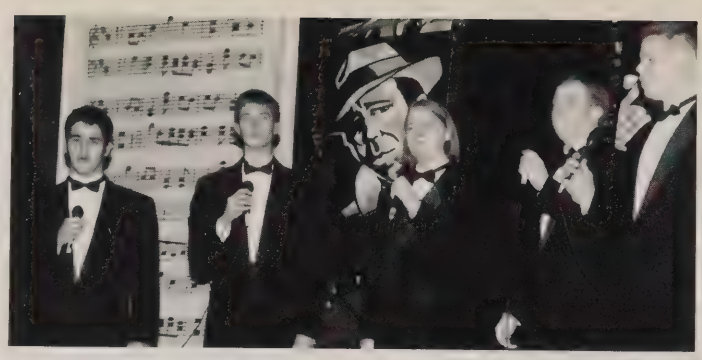
A STEP UP — SENIOR JESSICA SALYERS WORKS ON AN EXTRA CREDIT PROJECT FOR MRS. ACUFF'S ADVANCED FASHION MARKETING CLASS.





GOTCHA — SENIOR JEREMY CHRISTIAN WIELDS TWO LASER GUNS AT GATTILAND DURING V-T — WEEK ACTIVITIES.

Yesterday- Seniors Jon Rogers, Blair Pippin, Kevin Carmody, Junior Clint Philbrick and Senior Tony O'Dell sing a song from the Beatles' movie "Help!".

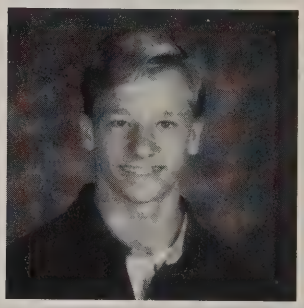


1998 Spring Festival Court- Fourth runners- up, Jon Holbrook and Cherith Dugger; third runners-up, Robbie Raettig and Elizabeth Patterson; second runners-up, Rob Bressler and Sarah Tipton; first runners-up, Danny Almond and Krista Burnette; and Mr. and Mrs. Virginia High, Justin Branson and Nakeisha Cato.



"Justin Branson and Nakeisha Cato were named Mr. and Miss Virginia High by a panel of judges who chose them from among 78 handsome young men and beautiful young women. It was a most difficult decision for the judges," Mrs. Patsy Huff, pageant director.





Technical Staff

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Lighting Crew	Emily Monroe
	Chris Leonard
Sound	Jesse Duncan
	Allen Whitner
Stage Crew	Cassie Carden
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	Jessica Gill
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	Scott Robinson
	Jon Vermillion
	Collin Waldron
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	Andy Rest
	Scott Robinson
	Melanie Trichel
	Jon Vermillion
	Allen Whitner
	Glen Williams



"My Heart Will Go On"- Senior Alysha Luskey sings the theme from the popular movie "Titanic", accompanied by Sarah Woody on the flute and Andrea Uhrin on the piano.

Lights, Camera, Action- Seniors Aimee Perilloux and Elizabeth Patterson perform along with the rest of the "Bad Girlz" to a song from "Bad Boyz".



YOU OUGHTA BE IN PICTURES

1998 Spring Festival Mr. and Ms. Virginia High Justin Branson and Nakeisha Cato pose in their moment of victory as proud representatives of their school.

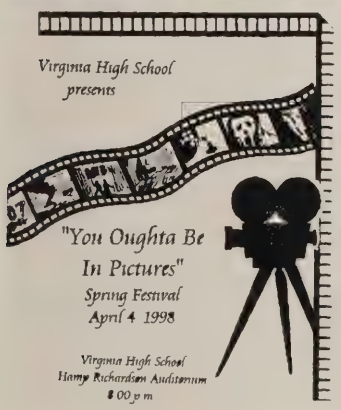
"Angel from Montgomery"- Talented Senior Jamie Butcher plays guitar and sings a ballad from "Courage Under Fire".











"A Song for Mama"- Senior Amy Dorton and junior Amy Tolley dance to a song from the movie "Soul Food".

You Oughta Be in Pictures- The Cover design for this year's spring festival programs was done by Derek Cook, a talented art student here at Virginia High School. The inside cover design was drawn by Angie Cox.

The Yearbook Staff would like to recognize senior Glen Williams for being part of the team of hosts for the Spring Festival for each year he has been at Virginia High School. Concerning this year's Spring Festival hosts, Mr. Rollins said, "The team of hosts was so strong and creative, that they tied each separate piece together so tighlty and entertainingly. They allowed no 'dead time'."

"Sing, Sing, Sing, Sing"- For the second year in a row the VHS Jazz Ensemble delights the crowd with their musical talents, performing to a song from the movie "The Benny Goodman Story".



"Stayin' Alive"- In keeping with the Spring Festival theme "You Oughta Be In Pictures", the VHS cheerleaders; including sophomore Alana Thomas, senior Stephanie Everhart, senior Amy Dorton, and sophomore Kristy Joris.



"Places Please" - Sophomore Sarah Woody and sophomore Mitchell Simmons parade in front of the judges before advancing to the auditorium for the evening's final judging.Over 30 clubs nominated participants to walk for the title of Mr. and Miss Virginia High.



Spring Festival Faculty Sponsors

Contest Director
Mrs. Patsy Huff
Contest Staff
Mrs. Joan Minnick
Ms. Annette Acuff
Mrs. Nancy Simmons
Music Director
Mrs. Diane Thomas
Festival Director
Mr. Richard Rollins





"I Do It For You"- Senior Tony O'Dell, a nother talented Spring Festival participant, sings an inspiring theme from "Robin Hood".

Drum Solo- Senior Josh Creger performed an outstanding display of drumming from the movie "Wayne's World".



"We Go Together"-Sophomore Sommer Wright, senior Lauren Kearfott, junior Alyson Bowman, junior Courtney Thurston, and junior Elizabeth Smith pause for applause after their singing and dancing routine to a song from "Grease".

"Stairway to Heaven"-Seniors Jessica Salyer and Elizabeth Patterson dance to a song called "Stairway to Heaven".
This year provided the audience with many dazzling dance duos.





List of Acts Not Pictured
Kevin Flannagan - *Ol'Man River* from *Showboat*
Rosa Kim - An exhibition of *Kata: Superempi*
Kevin Carmody - Rustles of Spring, a piano solo
David Rhea - *Chariots of Fire*, a piano solo

"Who's on First?"- Senior comedians Jon Rogers and Glen Williams perform a rendition of an Abbott and Costello classic comedy routine.



"I believe it (Spring Festival) is special because it is a showcase of talent, poise, and self-control. This year's production was such a success because of the great students who participated."

-Mr. Rollins
Spring Festival Director



"The diversity of talent and the competence of the performers combined to make this year's Spring Festival outstanding. I enjoyed working with the students. The most difficult part for me is helping them find and prepare appropriate music for their auditions."

-Mrs. Thomas
Music Director

Arabian Nights

On May 8,1998 Virginia High students awoke anticipating the night that lay ahead of them. They were busy finishing up last minute details like picking up tuxedos and making dinner reservations. For most students, prom week itself was total chaos. Prom day was plauged by rain, but students didn't let it dampen their spirits.

The theme for Prom '98 was "Arabian Nights". Throughout prom week Mrs. Kristofek, Mrs. Melkowski, and the prom committee worked many long, hard hours to make sure that Prom night would be perfect. Their months of planning were finally paying off.

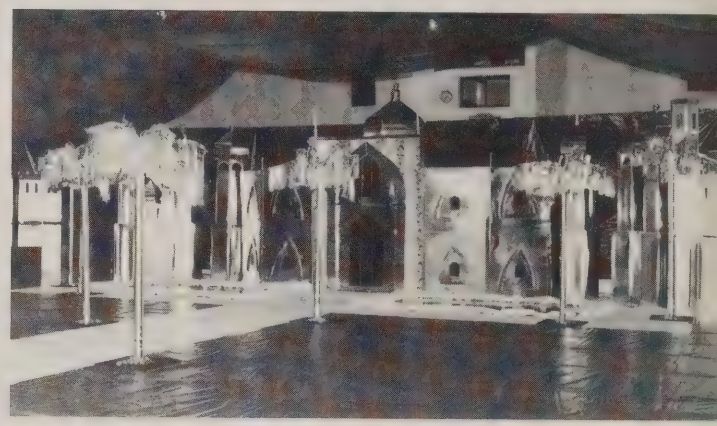
The night began with a romantic dinner with dates and friends. Then came the time that everyone anticipated. From 8:00 to 12:00 memories that will last a lifetime were created as students danced the night away and chatted with their friends.

After the prom was over many students hopped on buses and headed to the YMCA for the all night prom party sponsored by CADRE and the Virginia High SADD Club. The night was filled with fun and games including karoakee, velcro wall, bungee run, and plenty of prizes. Electric 99.3 was there to help students party the night away with music.

The After Prom Party proved to be a huge success thanks to Sgt. David Maples, YMCA staff, and the Virginia High School administration..

As the sun came up in Bristol the next morning, students made their way home from the long night with wonderful memories of the magical night before (and the prom committee was heading back to the school to clean up!)

Tracy Decker



Aladdin's Palace- The prom committee worked hard all week to make a memorable theme for the rest of the students.



Twistin' the Night Away- Amy Dorton and Jon Vermillion enjoy their last prom as students as Virginia High School.

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The 1998 Prom Committee-The committee was relieved to sit back and enjoy all of their hard work on prom night.



Flower Power!- Senior Kate Sewell and her date are dressed to the nines and ready to enjoy the evening. Prom night featured many interesting accessories-- like the flowers in Kate's hair!

MAY



Picture Perfect-Amanda Huggins, Paul Edwards, Robbie Connell, and Wendi Gibson pose upon entering the prom.

Peace!-Seniors "Bam-Bam" Christian, Melanie Sweeny, Travis Blevins and his date, take a break from dancing and enjoy the refreshments provided by Mrs. Melkowski and Mrs. Kristofek.









Sitting Pretty-Junior couple Ryan Dunn and Kacey Wilson smile for the camera when they aren't dancing.

Smile!-Brenda Allen, David Hughes, Jean Mulumba, and Nakeisha Cato sit down and enjoy each other's company.



Mrs. Sue Melkowski- Mrs. Melkowski, geometry and algebra teacher, has been working on the prom for many years, and is an expert at last minute preparations.

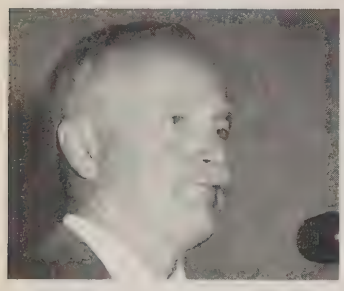
Mrs. Linda Kristofek-Mrs. Kristofek, biology teacher, keeps the prom preparations organized and makes sure everyone doesn't get stressed.



Winner Takes All- Latisha Sensabaugh is awarded the Oprah Winfrey Angel Network Scholarship. Latisha plans to use the money to attend Xavier College and enter the medical field.

Four of a Kind - Amy Dorton and Jon Blackley, Jason Preece, and Ben Walls receive an award for their outstanding achievements in academics. Many students receive rewards for their academic excellence during the Senior Luncheon.





Loud and Clear - Dr. John Sessoms receives the honor of Master of Ceremonies at the Senior Luncheon. Dr. Sessoms had the privilege of honoring many awards to deserving seniors.



Standing Tall - Vice President of the senior class., B.J. Griffin gives the introduction to open the senior luncheon. The Senior Luncheon is a good chance for the class officers to take charge and show thier leadership ability



A Sorrowful Lament - Seniors Elizabeth Patterson and Karen Barnes give a tear filled farewell to their senior classmates. The senior Luncheon causes the seniors to realize how big of a step graduating high school is.

National Honor Society Scholars
Jamie Butcher Jon Rogers

National Merit Commended Scholar
Jaimie Butcher Dorian Davis Glen Williams

National Merit Finalist Winner
Amanda Jones

Tandy Technology Scholars
Janie Butcher Jon Rogers Andrew Blair
Amanda Jones

Tandy Outstanding Student Award
Amanda Jones

National Scholar/Athelete Awards
Taylor McInnis Ginger Crowe

Cecil Belcher Scholarship
Jaimie Butcher Jason Preece

H. K. Breedlove Scholarship
Amy Dorton

Blueridge Radiology, PC., Most Improved Student Scholarship
Melissa Groce

Bristol Anesthesia Services Scholarship
Ben Walls

T. T. Hammack Memorial Scholarship
Ben Pfountz

Dan Pelt PTA Scholarship
Jon Rogers

Amoents of Bristol Virginia Post #5 Scholarship
Latisha Sensabaugh Jon Rogers

Wal Mart Scholarship
Jon Rogers

Virginia Lions Bland Music Scholarship
Amanda Jones Kevin Carmody

Most Valuable Student Elks Scholarship
Jon Rogers

Bristol Music Club Scholarship
Amanda Jones

Douglas Alumni Association Scholarship
Latisha Sensabaugh

Best All-Around Boy-Lions Club
B.J. Griffin

Boy's and Girl's Club Tennessee State Youth of the Year Award and Oprah Winfrey Angel Network Scholarship
Latisha Sensabaugh

OHS PTA Scholarships
April White Jeremy Christian

Outstanding Art Award
Angie Cox

Jack C. Cummins Memorial Award
B.J. Griffin

Science Achievement Award
Allison Freeman

Rotary Club Science Trophy
Jamie Butcher

Outstanding Senior in Science
Jamie Butcher

Ray Hooper Business Education Award
April White

Highest Average in Math
Jamie Butcher

DAR Good Citizen Award
B.J. Griffin

Highest Average in Goovernment
Adam Shields

Highest Average in Adv. Placement Goovernment
Jamie Butcher

Paramount Award for the Performing Arts
Amanda Jones

Cecil Rasnike Memorial Math Award
Jamie Butcher

Rotary Club English Trophy
Krista Burnette

Highest Academic Average in AP English
Jamie Butcher

Christian Businessmen's Award
Seth Hartsock

Principal's Leadership Award
Jennifer Shanks

Hummanitarian Award
B.J. Griffin

Americanism Award
Blair Pippin

Citizenship Awards
Jamie Butcher Jon Rogers

Best All-Around Girl-Kiwanis Club
Jennifer Shanks

All-Around Greatness- Jennifer Shanks receives the Best All-Around Girl award provided by the Kiwainis Club. Jennifer, a leader in many organizations and popular among her peers, truley deserves this precious award

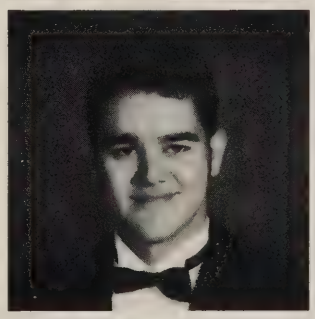


TOP CARDS

Butcher and Rogers Share Validictorian Honors



Jamie Butcher- National Honor Society Scholar, National Merit Commended Scholar, Tandy Technology Scholar, Cecil Belcher Scholarship, Rotary Club Science Trophy, Outsatanding Senior in Science, Highest Average in Math, Highest Average in Advanced Placement Government, Cecil Rasnike Memorial Math Award, Highest Academic Average in AP English, Citizenship Award. Clearly Jamie has worked very hard through out her high school years and deserves these awards



Jon Rogers- National Honor Society Scholar, Tandy Technology Scholar, Van Pelt PTA Scholarship, Amvents of Bristol Virginia Post #5 Scholarship, Wal Mart Scholarsip, Most Valuable Student Elks Scholarship. Jon has put great effort into all of his work at Virginia High School. His hard work has paid off and he should be proud of his accomplishments.

WINNER OF THE 1997-1998 SENIOR POETRY CONTEST



From The Nest

By Glen Williams

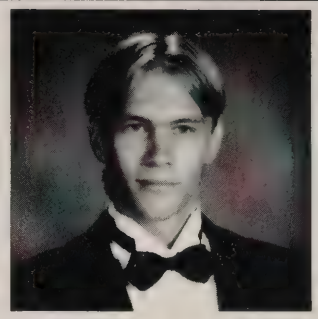
Two men stood on the edge of the world
And two women beside.
They raised their voices in song
That echoed faith and pride.
A book of dreams, a song of hope,
Four friends against the tide
Would stick together, come what may,
To reach the other side.

But one blew north and one blew south
Down long and winding streets.
One blew east and one blew west
And never the four shall meet.

In distant lands, in distant times,
Their different songs shall rise.
Diff'rent means lead to diff'rent ends
And Time on its way flies.
On is in a comfy chair, drinking her deep red wine,
One is in a cold jail cell, waiting for his time,
One is down there in the mines, digging up the coal,
And one is preaching on TV, taking money to save your soul.

'Tho time has brought them through the world
Together and, then, alone,
There's love to bring them back again
When time will lead them home.

FIRST RUNNER UP



Cycle Of Life

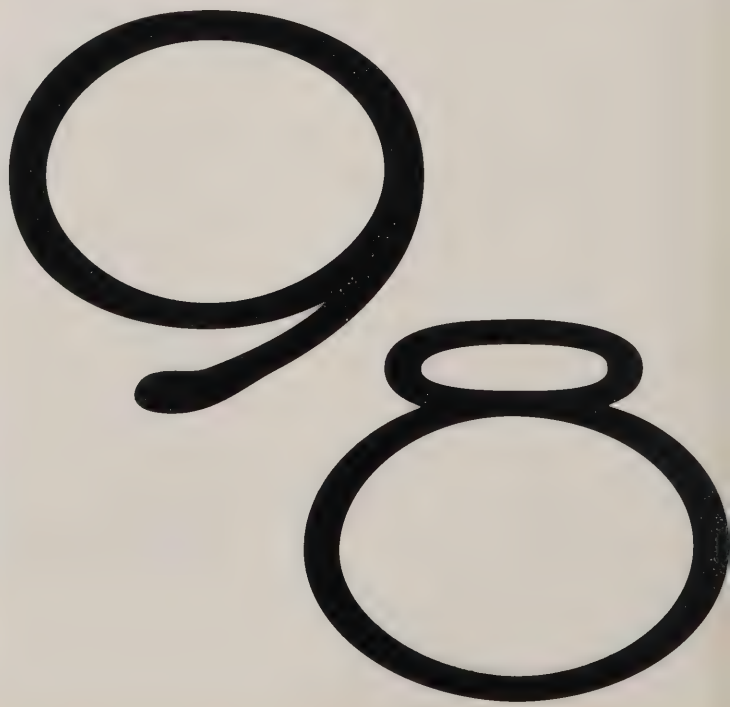
by James Martin

Once born into life, I decided to grow-
To grow as sure as the wind blows
Now once I mature, I shall see
That the cycle life takes is like a tree.

Starting from a seed it sprouts and grows
As it manifests in appearance,
While the wind blows it to and fro.
Soon the seeds show themselves all around
As a cool summer breeze makes them
Fall to the ground

And such as before the process is renewed
Starting over again, using the ground for food.

And so soon I shall die and return
To the Earth..
Thus repeating the process that I started at birth.



SECOND RUNNER UP



Responsibilities

by Jennifer Yates

We each have our own responsibilities.
While one takes out the trash,
Another may work for cash.
One may mop the floors,
While another does other chores.
No matter how big or small,
We must remember, one day we'll have to do it all.

Untitled

by Cherith Dugger

Our Senior Year is a time to look back,
And remember who we have become.
It is a time to reminisce,
A time to live and learn from.

It is a time to look forward with confidence,
Never looking back with regret,
Be patient, be kind, be tolerant,
Life is not over yet!

It is a time to hope and dream,
And be graceful for God's grace,
With God all things are possible,
Remember Him in life's fast pace.

It is a time when we choose our path in life,
We are on the road to transformation,
It is necessary to keep challenging life,
Using our creativity and innovation.

It is a time to cherish memories we've made,
Never forgetting friendships or our dedication,
To those who follow in our footsteps,
Let us be an inspiration.

It is a time to rise up to the occasion,
Be courageous and hold our heads high,
To you, Class of '98,
I sadly say good-bye.

The End Is Near, For Thats What I Fear

by Jonathan Cannon

I could be happy, I could be sad, but I'm definitely not glad.

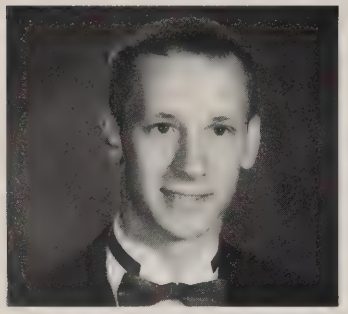
As I said just before, I'm so sad that I have to leave throughout the door.

This place I will miss but my friends will be missed more, for them I adore.

So now I end this with a blessing for those that are leaving and those that are staying, just hold your head high and try for your very best.



A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH



"Being on the Golf and Basketball team was a good experience for me because I just didn't learn how to play those sports better, but I learned even more valuable stuff that's going to be with me for the rest of my life. Like how to work with others, self control, how to conduct myself around others, and how to be a leader. So I give a special thanks to my grandfather, Coach Caldwell, Coach Lee, Coach Reed, and especially the good Lord."

-Joey Fields

Virginia High sports have **A** drive to win & compete for the top. The year of 1997-98 the Bearcats shined like **DIAMONDs** with superb performances on the playing field. This year the athletes have made their mark **IN** Virginia High history and have started up new traditions. **THE** fall sports this year have put together their best season in ten to twenty years. Through the long **ROUGH** hours of preparation the athletes put their blood, sweat, and tears into their sports. Their dedication is a key element in their success.

Justin Norton





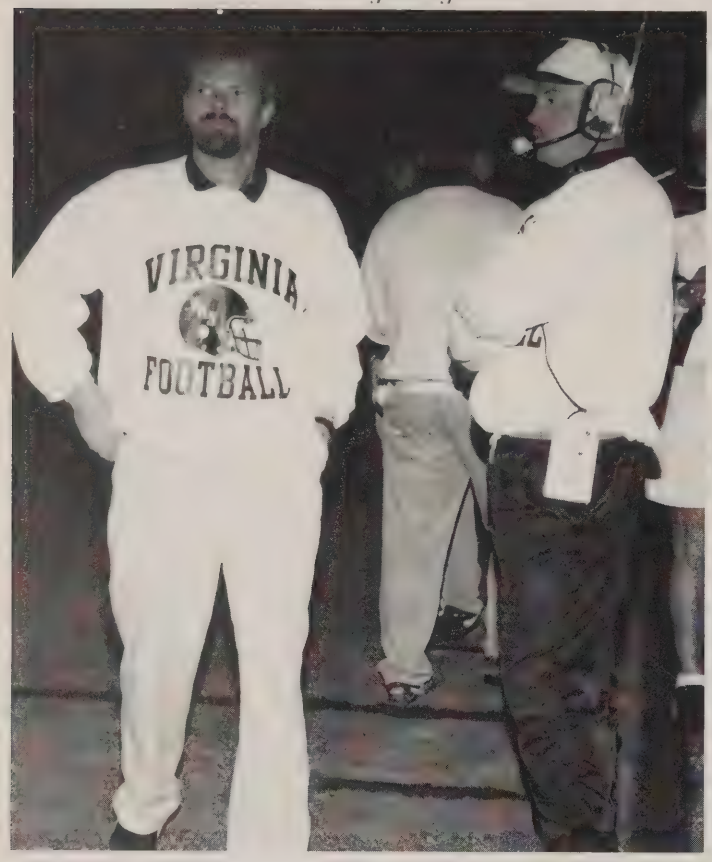




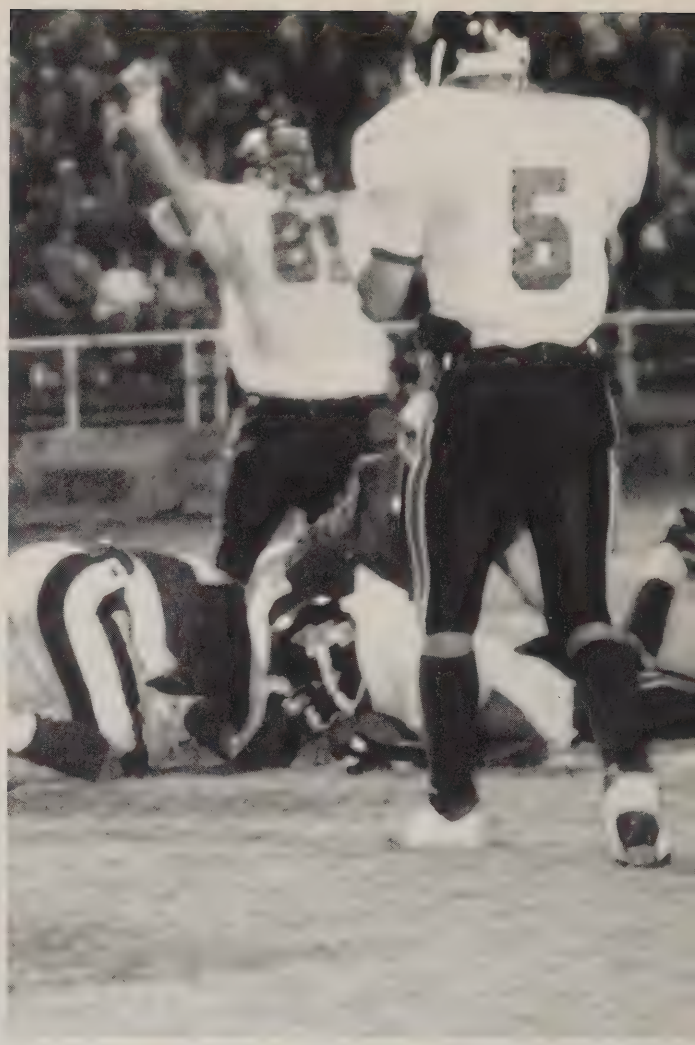


BOOM- Senior Karen Smith puts the big hit on Dale City Jake Hunsaught during the Region 6D Playoffs. The football team put together the best season in a while with a 7-4 record.

THE SIDELINES- Coach Mark Daniels and coach Ronnie Collins watch the game from the sidelines, while waiting patiently to answer any questions that the players may have.



TOUCHDOWN- Bearcats are excited as they score a touchdown against their rival Tennessee High School in the O-T Game, which is an annual rivalry between Tennessee and Virginia High School.



1997 Virginia High Football

Best of the Deck

From the win against Tazewell at the beginning of the season to the loss to Gate City in the District Championship the football team had a great season.

The team unity and the improvement from week to week was a major part of the football season. The experience and leadership of the seniors contributed to the confidence that the team had going into each and every game and by practicing hard everyday the expectations of the team were met during each game.

The biggest part of the season for many was the annual O-T game. The football team went into the game expecting to win, and did. Many were surprised at how well the team played during the game.

All in all the football team had a great season and proved that practicing hard and coming together as a team is a great combination.

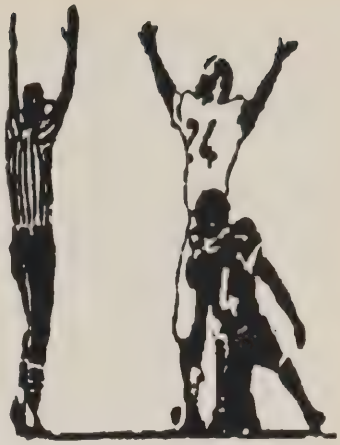


BREAKING THROUGH- The Bearcats run through the sign, made by the cheerleaders, on to the field before the start of each game.



A Bitter Rivalry- Senior Taurus Roberts makes his way past the Tennessee Vikings and congratulates them on a well played game.





WAY TO GO!- Sophomore Landon Richmond was a key player in the game against Tennessee High School.

BANDAGED UP- Athletic Trainer Randy Hodge wraps senior Robert Grove's arm during the game.



1997 Season

	Us	Them
Tazewell	24	8
Gate City	3	34
Abingdon	27	13
J J Kelly	30	0
John Battle	40	15
Lee	24	15
Marion	36	14
Richlands	24	13
Lebanon	17	0
Tennessee	28	14
VHSL Playoffs		
Gate City	21	35



Bottom Row L-R:: S. Hatcher, I. Gibson, B. Arnold, D. Lucas, T. Rosenbaum, R. Hale, J. Shuler, B. Sproles. 2nd Row: R. Hodge, D. Meade, M. Osborne, D. Edwards, W. Love, J. Branson, M. Parks, C. Read, J. Braswell, M. Brewer. 3rd Row: M. Locke, O. Kegly, T. Kidd, R. Dunn, J. Norton, D. Mullins, J. Adams, F. Pauley, B. Stophel, K King, C. Baker, M. Tolbert, B.Eller. 4th Row: M. Daniels, M. Kovacs, R. Harris, R. Groves, K Smith, J. Chrisitian, T. Roberts, A. Walls, T. McInnis, J. Wagner, J. Vermillion.

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Overall Record

The Final Frontier- Junior Josh Norton races to the finish line against Tazewell's Josh Sanders. Josh was a Region 10 Champion

Strike a pose-Sophomore Natalie Meade and Senior Stephanie Everhart take time out to get a picture before the meet.







Preparation - Seniors Karen Barnes and Jamie Butcher stretch before a difficullt run.

Meet	Girls
Trojan 7 Mile Relay	8th
Radford Univ. CC Fall Classic	16th
Kingsport Optimist CC Champion ships	7th
Appalachian Clash of the Classes	15th
THS All-Comers	NS
Gathering of the Harriers	*7th
The Festival at Great Meadow	3rd
Wendy's Championships	7th
Trailblazer Invitational	9th
Abingdon Invitational	7th
Highlands District Meet	4th
Region IV Meet	5th

* Incomplete Team



Girls Team-Hope McConnell, Karen Barnes, Stephanie Everhart, Natalie Meade, Jamie Butcher, Melissa Groves, Coach Leroy Worley.

Striving for Excellence

All the hot summer practices, running in the rain was just a few of the obstacles the cross country teams had to encounter. Cross Country was a sport that had to have a great deal of discipline, courage, determination, and the biggest factor is endurance. Practices started around the middle of August and ended at the beginning of November. The top three runners for the girls' team were Sophomore Natalie Meade, and Seniors Hope McConnell and Karen Barnes. The top three runners for the boys team were Junior Josh Norton, and Seniors Taylor McInnis and Danny Almond. In Cross Country, achieving as an individual was important, but what was the most important was achieving as a team.

Leigh Anne Colson

Last Leg - Sophomore Allen Whitner gives it all he's got as he pushes to the finish line. Going up that last hill was a test of true will power.





Could This Be It? - Senior Taylor McInnis makes his way for another memorable finish. Keeping your stamina was a key to a successful season.



Passin' em up-Senior Ben Pfountz breezes past another runner, with just one more lap to go. The two key factors to achieving in Cross Country are endurance and willpower.



Boys' Team-Jon Almany, Danny Almond, Josh Norton, Allen Whitener, Charlie Rhymer, Taylor McInnis, Jordan Pennington, Ben Harrison, Buddy Adams, Coach Leroy Worley. Not Pictured: Ben Pfountz.

Meet	Boys
Trojan 7 Mile Relay	10th
Radford Univ. CC Fall Classic	12th
Kingsport Optimist CC Championships	6th
Appalachian Clash of the Classes	9th
THS All-Comers	NS
Gathering of the Harriers	7th
The Festival at Great Meadow	6th
Wendy's Championships	7th
Trailblazers Invitational	8th
Abingdon Invitational	3rd
Highlands District Meet	3rd
Region IV Meet	3rd
Virginia AA State Meet	12th



On Your Mark-Freshman Buddy Adams starts off the race well. Finishing the race was an important factor, but starting the race was also an important part of the race also.

The Joy of Victory- Junior Brandon Matney smiles proudly with Coach Terry Caldwell after shooting 72, earning him the title of medalist for the Big Six Tournament.



Practice Makes Perfect- Sophomore Matt Jones shows off his finish while warming up before a match.



Players Strive Past Disappointments

TOUGH DRAW

Although the 1997 Virginia High Golf Team had a good season they were a little disappointed with their overall results. They began the season with probably the most potential of any team in the district. At one point or another every member of the Top Six excelled and had a really great round. It just so happened that the Virginia High Golf Team rarely succeeded in having a good match.



Driving a Chevy- Junior Brandon Matney makes a great finish from a tight lie on top of his Suburban, while teammates Matt Jones, Shelley Straley, and Joey Fields stand nearby.

Golf

The Top Six consisted of Joey Fields (Sr), Bran-don Matney (Jr), Matt Jones (Soph), Mitch Rainero (Jr), Davey Harrison (Jr), and Shelley Straley (Sr). Joey Fields had a great round at Farmers and Minors in Jonesville. He places sixth with a 72. Brandon Matney had a great day at the Big Six which was held at Clear Creek Golf Creek.

Brandon Matney was the medalist shooting a 72. The J.O. players were Brent Hagy, Kevin Flannagan, Andy Moore, Skip Smith, Joey Gasberri, Michael Blackwell, and Brett Stringer.

As a team the Bearcats finished tied for fifth at Farmers and Minors on Aug. 19. they defeated Lee and Lebanon and Abingdon at home, and Lebanon away. At the Big Six on Sept. 17 the Bearcats finished second. At Districts on Oct. 6 Joey Fields, Brandon Matney and Matt Jones qualified for Regions shooting 82, 82, and 83 respectively. At regions Joey Fields earned fifth place shooting a 77, whichadvanced him the State Golf Tournament which was held on Oct. 20 and Oct. 22.

Shelley Straley



An Un"FORE"gettable Swing- Senior Shelley Straley makes a big swing, which was often necessary in order for her to hold her own against the boys.

Birds of a Feather Flock Together- Junior Mitch Rainero, Sophomore Matt Jones, Senior Joey Fields, Junior Brandon Matney and Junior Davey Harrison warm up together at the driving range before a match.



Golf Schedule

OPPONENTS	US	THEM
8/14 LEE HIGH	319	313
8/19 LEE HIGH	TIED FOR FIFTH	
8/26 LEBANON	149	204
8/27 GATE CITY	166	173
9/2 MARION	166	166 *
9/4 LEE HIGH	169	177
9/11 MARION/THS	323	308/315
9/16 GATE CITY/THS	159	148/174



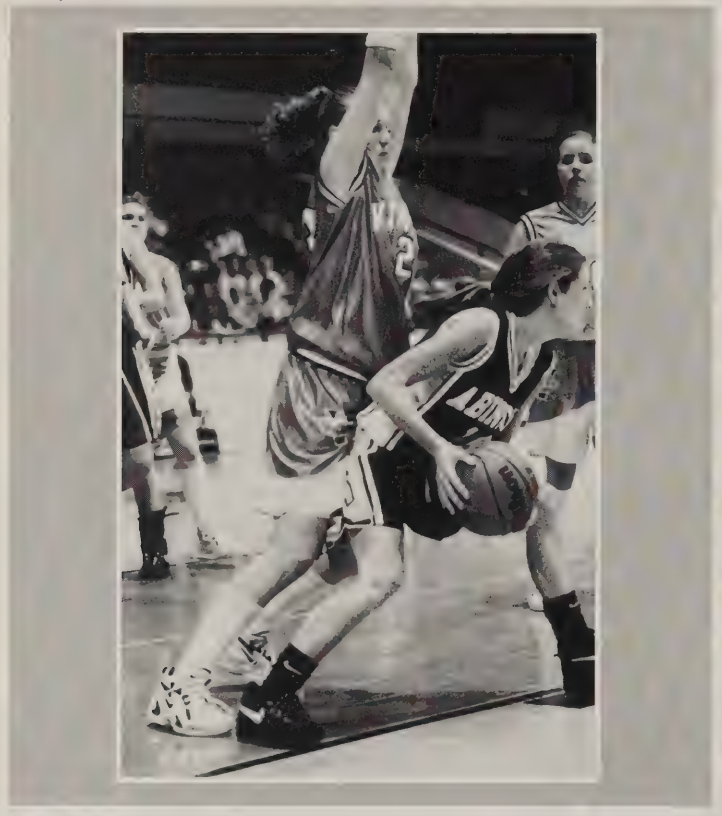
Front Row: Shelley Straley, Brett Stringer, Joey Gasberri, Skip Smith, Andy Moore.
Second Row: Brandon Matney, Davey Harrison, Brent Hagy, Mitch Rainero, Michael Blackwell, Matt Jones, Joey Fields and Kevin Flannagan.
Third Row: Coach Terry Caldwell.

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

FIRST TIME IN OVER 30 YEARS!

Get the ball! - Sophomore Brandi Owens uses her defensive skills in a game against Abingdon and Senior Leslie Byington watches.

Defense - Senior Leslie Byington defends the Cats while Abingdon attempts a basket.







Leslie Byington's most memorable moment of the season - "When we played Gate City for the District Championship, our team was down early, but some how we pulled together as a team and came out on top."

Opponent	V	JV
Chilhowie	W	L
John Battle	W	L
Rye Cove	L	L
Honaker	W	W
Northwood	L	L
Richlands	W	W
Abingdon	W	L
Gate City	W	L
Lebanon	W	L
Tazewell	W	W
Marion	W	L
Lee	W	L
Tazewell	W	L
Abingdon	W	L

The Girl's Basketball Team had a very eventful season this year. The varsity claimed a District Champion title and a few of the players claimed their own individual titles. Sherell Sowho was named Highland's District Player of the Year and First Team Region Four. Brandi Owens was awarded First Team Highland's District. Also the Lady Bearcats won the District for the first time in thirty years. Coach Reed commented about the seniors "Leslie (Byington) and Melanie (Trichell) played an important part in our 19 and 5 record and a Highlands District Championship."



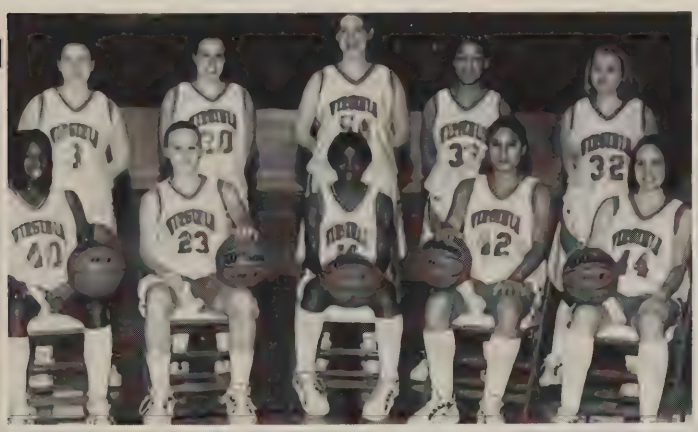
Practice makes perfect - Sophomore Sherell Sowho, Senior Leslie Byington, Sophomore Brandi Owens, Junior Suzanne Senter, and Junior Jessica Pender work hard during practice to sharpen their skills.

Pass it on - Senior Melanie Trichel looks for a team mate to pass the ball to during a game.

On the offense - Sophomore Sherell Sowho using her offensive skills against Gate City in a District game.







Varsity Front Row - Sophomore Sherell Sowho, Sophomore Brandi Owens, Freshman Sheree Gibbs, Junior Jessica Pender, Junior Kristen Alley.
Back Row - Junior Suzanne Senter, Senior Leslie Byington, Senior Melanie Trichel, Senior Robin Hughes, Junior Allison Bowman.

Opponent	V	JV
Gate City	L	L
Lebanon	W	L
Richlands	W	W
Chilhowie	W	W
John Battle	W	L
Marion	L	L
Lee	W	L
Gate City	W	
Abingdon	W	
Gate City	L	
Grundy	L	

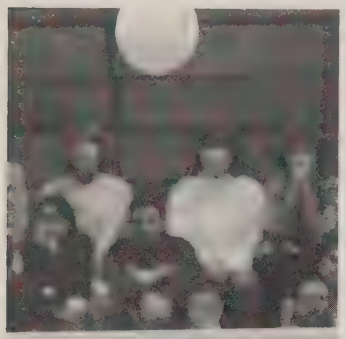


Melanie Trichel's most memorable moment of the season - "The District game against Gate City was tied and we won. Best game ever!"

Virginia High Varsity Volleyball Ends Season as District Champions

Varsity Team - Front Row - Magda Gradkowska, Suzanne Senter, Alyson Bowman, Susan Renfro Back Row - Sarah King, Kristen Moody, Melanie Young, Coach Tamera Yelton, April Marrone, Brandi Owens, Melissa Grove

Spike!!! - Sophomore April Marrone spikes the ball to a John Battle Player. The Varsity team played very well and April was an integral part of this success.









Sophomore April Marrone was one of the most valuable players on this year's team. April was the only freshman on last year's Varsity team, and she carried on her tradition this year.

Opponent	W/L
John Battle	W
Richlands	W
Abingdon	W
Gate City	L
Lebanon	W
Northwood	W
Lebanon	W
Rye Cove	W
Marion	W
Lee	W
John Battle	W
Northwood	L
Abingdon	W
Lebanon	W



Senior Stars - Seniors Magda Gradkowska, Kristen Moody, and Melissa Grove were a very important part of this year's varsity team.

JUMPING JACKS

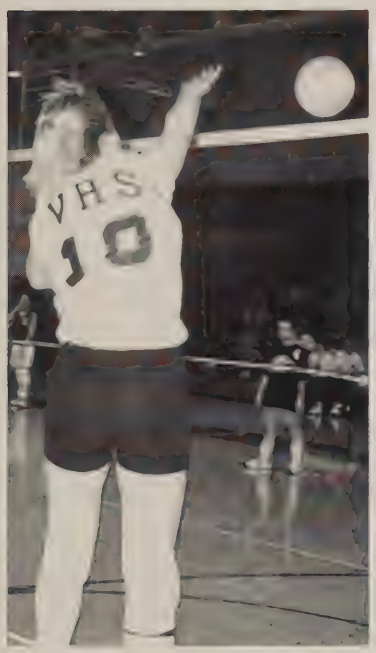
VIRGINIA HIGH VARSITY VOLLEYBALL ENDS SEASON AS DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!

The 1997-1998 Virginia High volleyball team had a very impressive season. With 2 returning seniors, 2 returning juniors, and 1 returning sophomore, this team was predicted to be one of the best in the region - and they were. Coach Tamera Yelton, returning for her third year as Varsity coach, and Coach Jana Hamley, returning for her second year as J.V. coach, did an excellent job getting this year's team ready to go into their games and do their best. The experience that existed on this year's team was an asset that gave the Lady Bearcats a big advantage. The Varsity team game ready to win and they beat both Marion and Lebanon at this campionship. This made them District Champions. They then advanced to the Regional competition, but here they lost to Bassett High School. According to Sophomore Varsity team member Brandi Owens, "The first regional game against Bassett was awesome. We came out really strong and everyone was fired up. We won this game, but they beat us in the next two. But, the last game was really close." This team made Virginia High proud.

High Reach *- Senior Kristen Moody returns the ball to the other team. Kristen was one of three seniors who helped to lead the Lady Bearcats to a successful season.*

Return to Sender *- Sophomore Brandi Owens returns the ball to a Marion player. This year's team had a lot of dedication and worked hard to obtain their, and their coach's goals.*

Dinkin' It *- Senior Melissa Groves hits the ball back to a player on another team. This year was Melissa's fourth year consecutive year playing VHS volleyball.*









Varsity Volleyball Team *- Magda Gradkowska, Suzanne Senter, Sarah King, Kristen Moody, Melanie Young, Coach Tamera Yelton, April Marrone, Brandi Owens, Melissa Grove, Alyson Bowman, Susan Renfro*

Opponent	W/L
Gate City	L
Gate City	L
Rye Cove	L
Marion	L
Lee	W
Richlands	W
DISTRICT:	
Lebanon	W
Marion	W
Gate City	L
REGION:	
Bassett	L



The 1997-1998 volleyball season was the fourth consecutive one for Senior Melissa Grove. She has dedicated herself not only to herself and her goals, but to the progress of the entire team.

Ready, Set, Go!! Junior Steven Rainero steps up to the block and gets in his "ready" position for his relay event.

And In Lane Three... Junior Elizabeth Smith prepares to race in the Girls 100 Free and concentrates on her winning strategy.





Swimmers Shuffle through currents

'Cats Are Making Waves!!

Swimmers on the blocks...take your mark...Beep! And they're off! Six lanes of fast, competitive swimming. A massive group of 500 people at the first meet. Tension, nervousness, and anticipation abound. Wow, what a sport.

The Bearcats practiced and worked faithfully at the beginning of the season, determined to conquer the Big 10 Relay Carnival title and it paid off. The 'Cats took on an easy fifth place win with confidence. Sophomore John Friend said, "It was a tough competition, but we came out on top."

The team spirit, winning attitude, speed, accuracy, and the determination to beat the clock were all key factors to success for the 'Cats' victories. Swimmers supported each other by cheering and giving a pat on the back. That's what gave them strength and that little spark to keep them going.



Swimming and Diving Team Row 1 : Brittney Triplet, Kari Callahan, Heather Hicks, Rebekah Hay, Leigh Evans, Sarah Cumbow, Blair Pippin, Hope McConnell, Natalie Meade, Katie Shields, Amy Arnold, Shelley Harper, Amy Talley, Meredith Lawson, Jessica Puckett Row 2 : Eran Martin, John Friend, Stevan Rainero, Josh Norton, Travis Staton, Tadd O'Donnel, Scott Leonard, Christian Iwainsky, David Hughes Row 3 : Coach Caldwell, Coach Boyle



Touch Your Toes!! - Junior Amy Tolley prepares to touch her toes while she completes her dive and receives a good score. Amy broke many school records and won state championships two years in a row.





Can't Smile Without You? - Sophomore Scott Leonard couldn't help but smile as he won top honors and a State Championship.



"Coach Caldwell has taught me to work hard for what I want. I wanted to meet my goals, I worked hard, and I did." - Blair Pippin, Senior.



"Coach Caldwell is a great guy, he has influenced my attitude. Mrs. Boyle has also been a huge role model and a great friend to talk to." - Hope McConnell, Senior

Meet	Date	G	B
Big Ten Relay Carnival	11/15	5th	4th
Southern Sprint Meet	11/25		
East Tennessee Classic	12/6	6th	4th
Sullivan North & Central	12/4	1st	1st
Sullivan South	12/9	1st	2nd
Tennessee High	12/17	2nd	1st
Science Hill & Dobyns Bennett	1/8	3rd	3rd
Radford Invitational	1/10	10th	6th
Sullivan East & Central	1/15	1st	1st
Science Hill	1/27		
Morristown	1/29		
VA State Invitational	2/13 & 14		

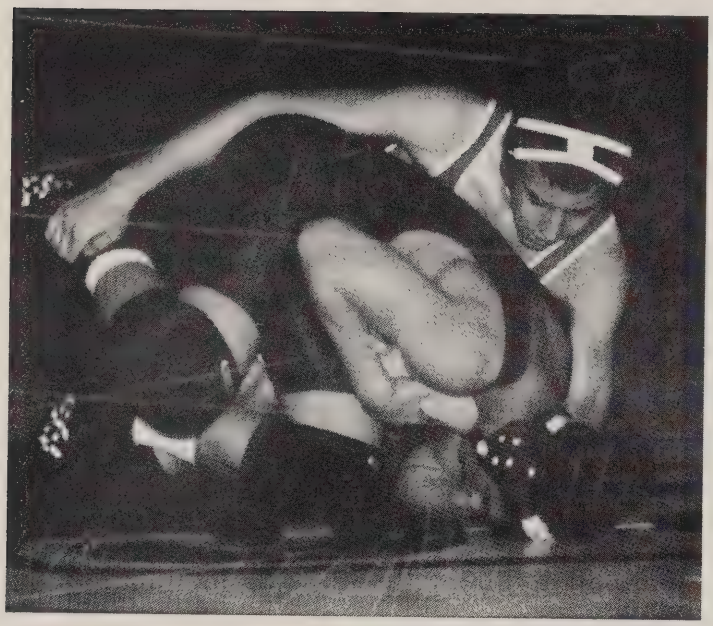
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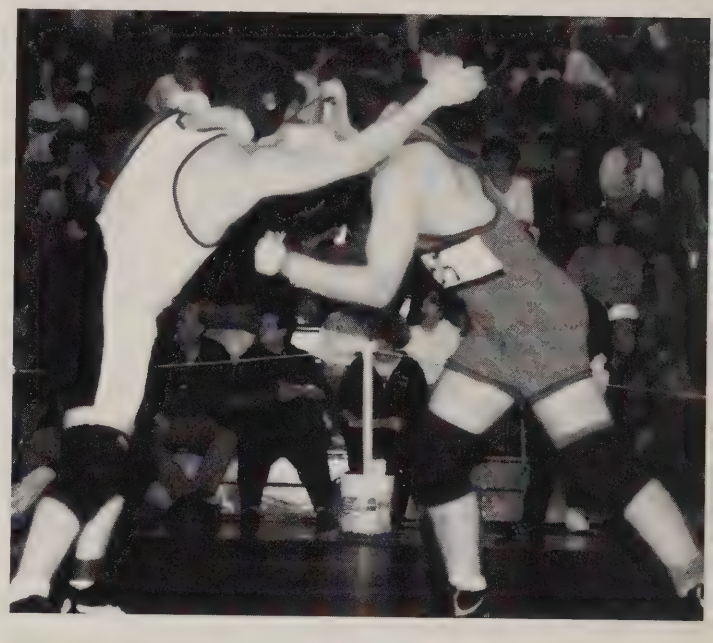
Go Fish! Christian Iwainsky and Scott Leonard play a friendly game of "Bull" while waiting for their next event at the Big Ten Relay Carnival. Swimmers relaxed between events by taking Cat naps, listening to music, and eating lots of food!

Second Time V-T Champs

Working Hard- Josh Mcallister works hard for control over his opponent during a season match.



A Successful Attempt - Senior Jon Holbrook attempts a breakdown.

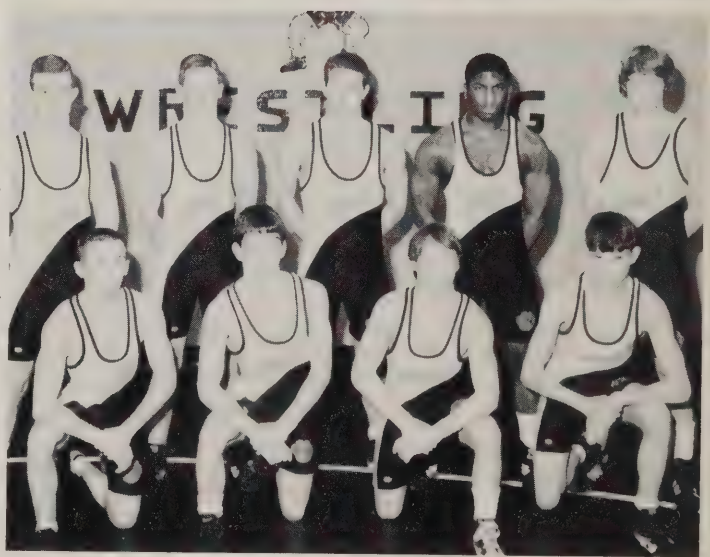


HIGHLANDS DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

TOP CARDS

The Bearcat wrestling team had a strong season this year with a big help from two time Highlands District Champion, Regional Champion, and State Champion,Senior, Taurus Roberts. The Bearcats ended the regular season with a 9 - 5 record, were crowned Highlands District Tournament Champions, and for the fourth year in a row were OT City Champions.

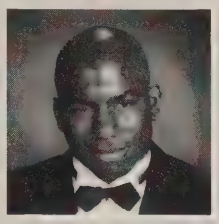
The Wrestlers peaked just in time for the end of the season matches. "Injuries cost us a couple of victories during the season, however, everyone was healthy and strong in competing for District, Region, and State Championships. We completed the season on a tremendous high with Taurus Roberts capturing the state title."
Coach Ed Cressel.



Varsity Wrestling
Front Row : Larry Neese, Jon Almany, Brad Stophel, Charlie Rhymer. Second Row : Jon Holbrook, Ben King, Josh McAllister, Taurus Roberts, Dustin Mullins.



Fighting For Victory - Senior Taurus Roberts fights for position while winning the State Championship.



Taurus Roberts

"Winnig State was a great experience, but the best part of wrestling was training with my team and with my coach. I'm going to miss them and I hope they do good next year."

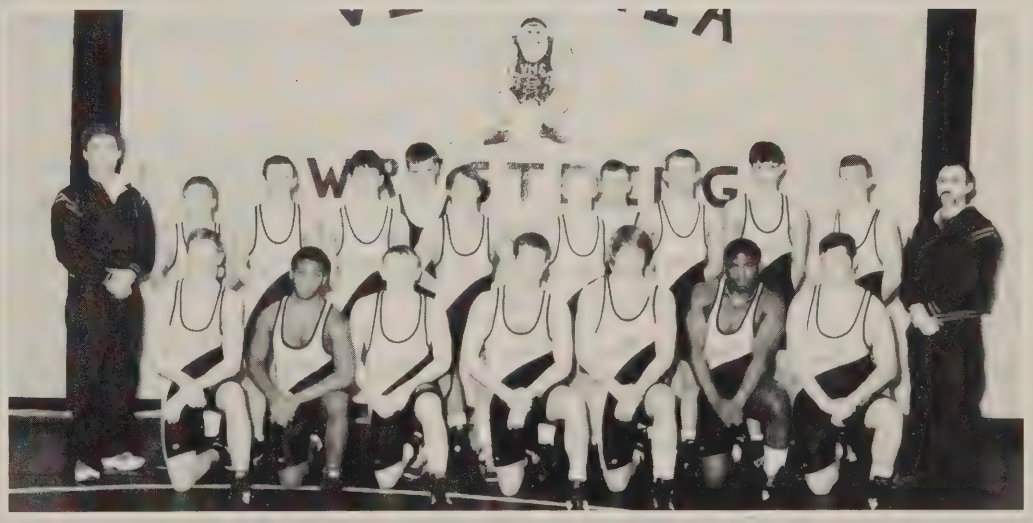


Seniors - Jon Holbrook, Ben King, Josh Mcallister, Taurus Roberts, Travis Overholt.



Dual Meet

	VHS	Them
Lebanon	63	12
Greenville	44	21
Abingdon	22	40
Lee	51	22
JSB	17	42
Tennessee	42	42
East	52	27
Marion	21	40
Tazewell	33	34
Big Creek	33	34
P. Valley	51	21
P. Henry	65	10
Coeburn	44	22



District Record : 2-2

Overall Record : 9-5

OHS Wrestling

Front Row ; Ben King, Sham Hatcher, Kevin King, Josh McAllister, Dustin Mullins, Taurus Roberts, Travis Overholt, Second Row : Coach Osborne, Josh Bryan, Larry Neese, John Almany, Scott Jones, Brad Stophel, Stephen Hamrick, Justin Crusenberry, Josh Shuler, Charlie Rhymer, Jon Holbrook, Coach Cressel



Way up lay up - Junior Aaron Tobey puts pressure on a Lebanon High player as he attempts a shot. Tobey was one of the five juniors on the varsity team.



Get it outta' here! - Karon Smith, senior, attempts to block the shot of a Lebanon player. Karon was a key part of the varsity team providing on-court leadership, rebounding, and shot blocking.



"This year's team was a good group to work with. They worked hard and had a lot of close games.

Coach Carlos Lee

Team	US	Them
Holston	51	57
Tazewell	47	39
Hunter H.	37	75
Abingdon	34	51
Lee	52	53
Holston	67	65
Tazewell	67	60
Marion	65	85
Abingdon	44	64
Tenn. high	56	67
Lee	47	50
Lebanon	48	56
Gate City	70	72
John Battle	59	56
Marion	46	60
Lee	61	79
Gate City	60	44
Lebanon	64	60
John Battle	58	60
Abingdon	42	44
Tenn. High	39	49
Gate City	66	75



VARSITY- Front row: Aaron Tobey, Karon Smith, Joey Fields, Taylor McInnis, Adam Shields, Jack Goodson. Back row: Jean Mulumba, Tyler Kirk, Brent McCloud, Forest Pauley, Landon Richmond.

Deuces Wild

Smart plays lead to two points.

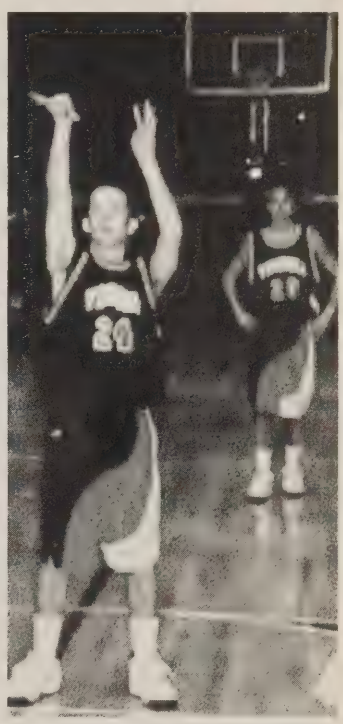
This year's boy's basketball season was tough to say the least. The Varsity Bearcats had several tough losses but also a few big wins; a couple of which were against John Battle and Gate City. This year's team was led on the court by four seniors while on the sidelines Coach Carlos Lee, Coach Barry Reed, Coach Carter Baker, and first year assisstant coach Scott Jones. While the varsity team did not have the best season, the j.v. team had a pretty good season; going 5-5 in the district and 11-9 overall.

This year at the All-Sport Baunquet, senior Taylor McInnis was honored with the Mr. Bearcat Coaches Award. Junior Forrest Pauley took home Most Improved Award. The Sportsmanship Award was given to senior Adam Shields. Junior Jean Mulumba was awarded with the Mr. Defense Award.



PEP TALK-*Head Coach Carlos Lee gives his team some words of wisdom before they head back on the court.*

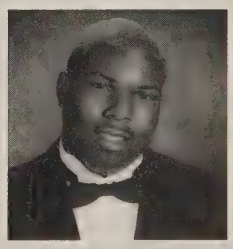
SWISH- *Senior Joey Fields admires his form as he sinks a foul shot in a exciting game aganist cross -town rival Tennessee High.*





Freshmen Team - Front Row: Skip Smith, Andy Moore, Buddy Adams, Matt Blevins, John Harvey Back Row: Joey Gasberri, Josh Frazier, Derrick Rose, Adam Duncan, Josh Wilkinson, Coach Mike Locke

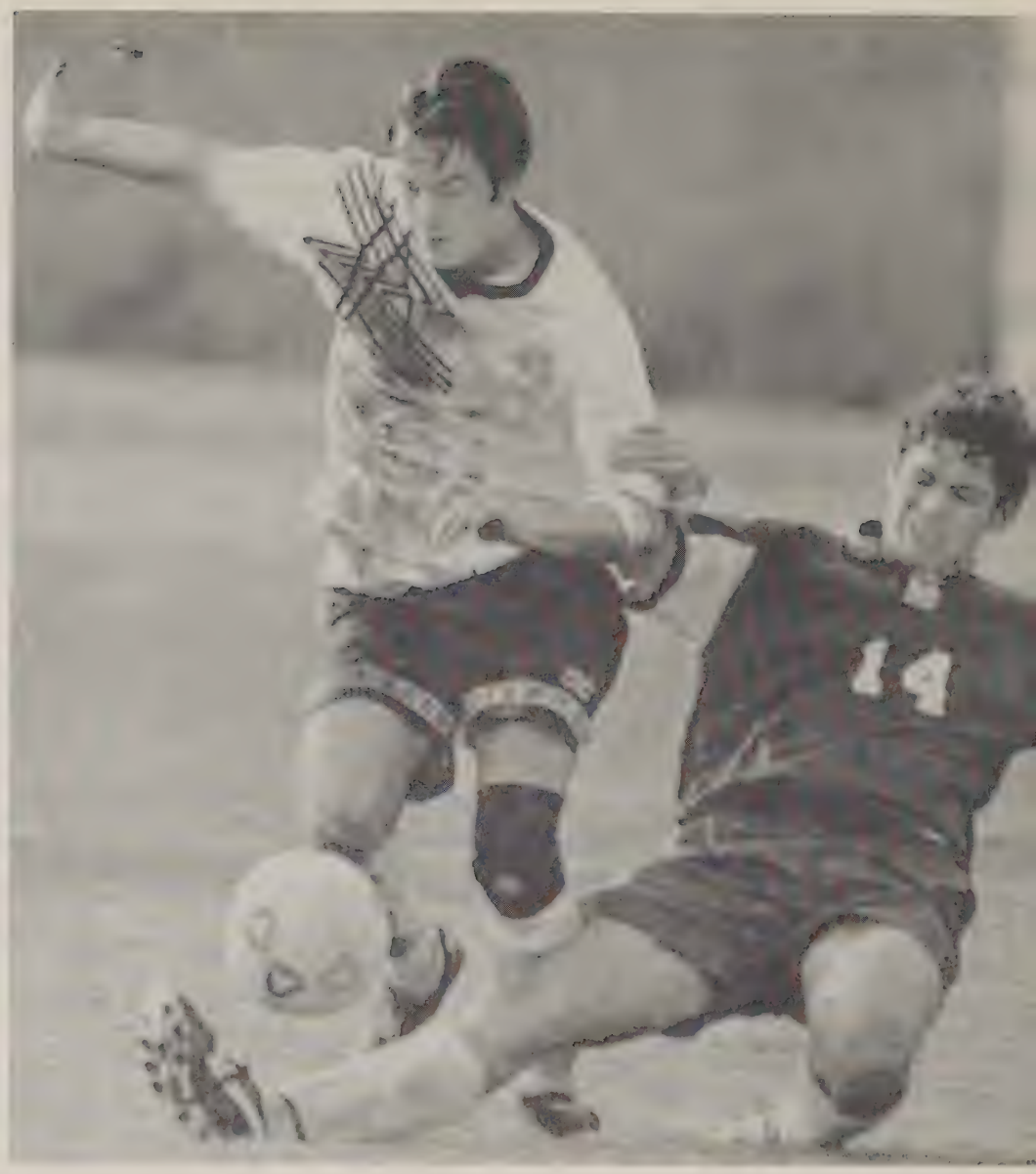
Holston	40	25
Tazewell	34	30
Holston	43	28
Tazewell	51	35
Marion	35	25
Abingdon	40	22
Tenn. High	46	65
Lee	43	27
Lebanon	28	33
Gate City	38	22
John Battle	41	37
Marion	47	36
Lee	45	60
Gate City	38	52
Lebanon	38	42
John Battle	59	33
Abingdon	43	49
Tenn. High	30	45



Karon was honored with the Brantley-Jessee Basketball Award at the All-Sports Banquet. He was also named to 2nd TeamAll-Highlands District and 1st Team All-Big Six.

Breakin' Through the Walls - Senior Alex Walls battles for the ball during the O-T-Game.

Leap of Faith -Goalkeeper Scott Ellis prepares to make a save during the Region 10 finals against Martinsville.









Great Save! - Sophomore Allen Whitner dives to save a ball from entering the goal. Allen was a backup goalie in case Scott got hurt.



1st Row: Allen Whitner, Kent Sanslow, Collin Waldron, Josh Sokolow, David Meade, Daniel Schnieder, Mitchell Simmons, Sean , Jared Wilson, Matt Pfountz, Jared Peters, Phillip Testerman; Back Row: Coack Mike Locke, Justin Peters, Eric Vaughn, Rob Bressler, Danny Almond, Stevan Rainero, Ben Pfountz, Alex Walls, Frank Goodpasture, Scott Ellis, Ben Lester, Jack Forrest, David Cartwright, Coach Mike Halin

Struggling To Beat The Odds

Trying to keep the post-season alive!

Soccer at Virginia High was a big success and the team pulled together to achieve great things. They were the district and region champions, but fell short during state competition. The players and coaches were very proud of what they achieved during the season, however they wished that they had won the state title.

Nine starting seniors will be leaving the team. These seniors include: Rob Bressler, Eric Vaugh, Ben Lester, Rex Carter, Frank Goodpasture, Alex Walls, Scott Ellis, and Ben Pfountz. In addition, Coach Locke will not be the head coach next year. The soccer team will be using a new game plan next year with so many key players leaving.

The players following in the cleat marks of the seniors will have to put forth great effort to keep the pace that was left to them. Thanks to all the fans for their support.

Outta My Way - *Junior Stevan Rainero closes down on a close ball. Defense was a key element to many of the 'Cats victories.*







PARTY!!! - *The Bearcats celebrate after winning their second consecutive Region 10 Championship. The 'Cats defeated Martinsville 6-2 for the title.*

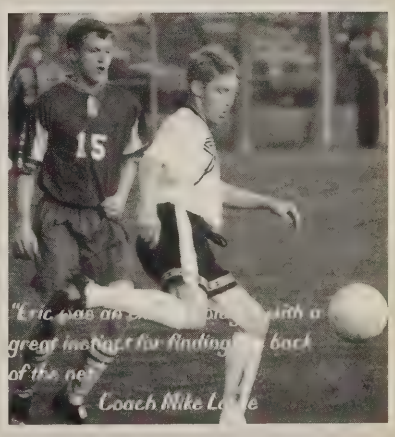
Uncanny Skills - *Senior Danny Almond controls the ball during the Region 10 title game. Danny's quickness and diversity often broke down opponent's defenses.*



Seniors

First Row: Frank Goodpasture, Ben Pfountz, Alex Walls, Scott Ellis
Second Row: Coach Mike Locke, Rob Bressler, Eric Vaughn, Danny Almond, Ben Lester, Coach Mike Halim

	Us	Them
Central	7	0
D-B	2	2
Knox F.	0	7
S. Hill	1	3
S. Hill	1	4
Abingdon	7	0
Maryville	1	3
Eliz.	2	0
Graham	7	1
Tenn. High	0	4
Marion	3	2
Graham	1	0
Marion	3	1
Abingdon	7	2
F-C	4	2
Martinsville	6	2
W-B	2	0
Handley	2	2



"Eric was an [illegible] with a great instinct for finding the back of the net."
Coach Mike Locke

Buckl Buckl- The girls track team celebrate after winning district. It was the first time in 16 years.

Run Josh Run! - Junior Josh Norton runs hard trying to catch up in the 2-mile run.







First Row, bottom left - Emily Smith, Meredith Lawson, Allison Smith, Hope McConnel, Amy Arnold, Melissa Groves, Paige Smith, Susan Renfro.
Top Row, left - Lashawn Johnson, Sherell Sowho, Elizabeth Smith, Jessica Pender, Natalie Meade, April Marrone, Latisha Sensabaugh, Melanie Young.



Leading The Pack - A trio of Lady Bearcat run away from the opposing runners. The trio won many points for team this year.

March 28	Patrick Henry	2nd
April 8	Abingdon	2nd
April 11	Appy State U.	11th
April 18	Patrick Henry	2nd
April 25	Powell Valley	2nd
April 29	Tenn. High	2nd
May 2	Dobyns-Bennett	5th
May 9	Tazewell	2nd
May 13	Highlands District	1st
May 23	Region IV	1st
May 31	Va. AA State	4th

Trump Card

GIRLS WIN!!!

Couldn't ask for a better season out of the girls track team. The team won district for the first time in 16 years. Then went on to win Regionals and ended up fourth in the statetrack meet. Leading the way was Senior Latisha Sensabaugh, who won a State Championship in 100m dash and took 2nd place in the 200m run. While Elizabeth Smith finished 2nd in the 300m hurdles. Also placing in state was Sophomore Sherell Sowho who placed 4th in the high jump. The Relay team of Latisha Sensabaugh, Jessica Pender, Emily Smith, and Elizabeth Smith finished 6th in the 400m relay.

The boys track team this year didn't win district, regionals, or place in state but they did a good job with what they had to offer. Having only one Senior on the team, the guys were a young and unexperienced team. But even though they were young the team gave a valiant effort.

Bryan Morrison

I Believe I Can Fly *- Junior Larry Neese soars through the air. Hoping to land and make a new long jump record.*

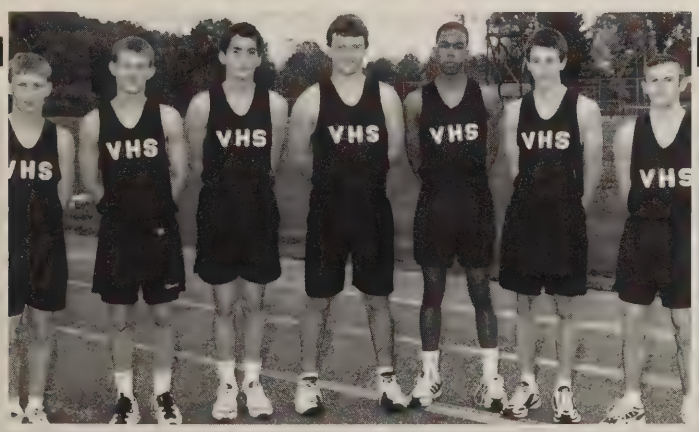






3-2-1 Lift Off *- Senior Elizabeth "Buff" Patterson lifts off to fly over the hurdle and win another race for the Lady Cats.*

Off They Go! *- Senior Karon Smith gets a head start on the runners. Karon was the only Senior on the boys track team.*



Left to Right - Ben Harrison, Josh Shuler, Matt Lewis, Jeb Rohr, Terrell Lockett, Josh Norton, Larry Neese

"As a team we had victories over Floyd County, Richlands, Carroll County and Mercher. We finished 6th in the district and 7th in the region. We had 3 students make it to the Region meet Larry Neese, Karon Smith and Josh Norton. Karon Smith and Josh Norton made it to the state meet but regretfully did not place."
Coach Collins



UHHHH!!! *- Junior Melanie Young grunts as she heaves the shot put ball. Hoping to throw it farther than the other opponents.*

Chow Down- The girls enjoy pizza provided by their coach, Connie Ward. A close coach-athelete relationship is crucial to winning an successful season.



Chillin' in Style- Junior Salyer Riley and Sophomore Leigh Evans chill on the "TENNIS BMW". Having fun is the most important part in high school athletics.







Magda Gradkowska: Magda, a senoir, is the number one seed on this uear's team. She played a major factor in the success of the girl's team.

VHS	Opponent
	Abingdon
	Richlands
	Lebanon
	Lee
	Gate City
	Marion
	Lebanon
	Abingdon
	Lee
	Tennessee
	Gate City
	Marion



Front Row: Salyer Riley, Leigh Evans, Jennifer Mays.
Back Row: Magda Gradkowska, Jamie Butcher, Coach Connie Ward, Stephanie Everhart, Candace Hughes.

Scott Leonard

TENNIS

Fast Feet- Senoir Andrew Blair prepares himself to return a serve. Being light on his feet, Andrew was an asset to the Boys' Tennis Team success.



Different Strokes For Different Folks

Hill And Blair Reach State Honors

This year was a year of improvement for the girls' team. The team, coached by Connie Ward, won more after the first four matches than they did all year last year. The reason for this great improvement was the strength throughout the team. There were no "bad seeds" on the whole team.

This year's team performed a feat that has not been accomplished in over the past eight years. They defeated Tennessee High with a 5 to 4 victory.

The boys' team this year was a young team consisting of only two senoirs. The senoirs, Issac Hill and Andrew Blair, were great examples for the uderclassmen to look up to. They showed great sportsmanship as well as winning the District Championsip in doubles and qualifying for state.

With such a young team, the fans should be expecting a very successful team in the future.



Get Pumped- Coach Terry Caldwell gives the team a pep talk before a match. Confidence is a major role in the way a tennis player performs.



Left to Right: Coach Terry Caldwell, Will Walling, Michael Stallard, Brent Hagy, Adam Shields, Issac Hill, Andrew Blair, Adam Canter, Mitch Rainero, Lee Jones.

	VHS	Opponent
Richlands	8	1
Lebanon	8	1
Abingdon	9	0
Gate City	3	6
Lebanon	9	0
Marion	9	0
Abingdon	8	1
Tennessee	0	7
Lee	9	0
Gate City	4	5
Marion	7	0
Lee	5	0
Final	9 wins	3 losses



Issac Hill- Issac, a senior, was the number one seed on the boys' team this year. Issac was a great leader and proved his sportsmanship throughout the year.

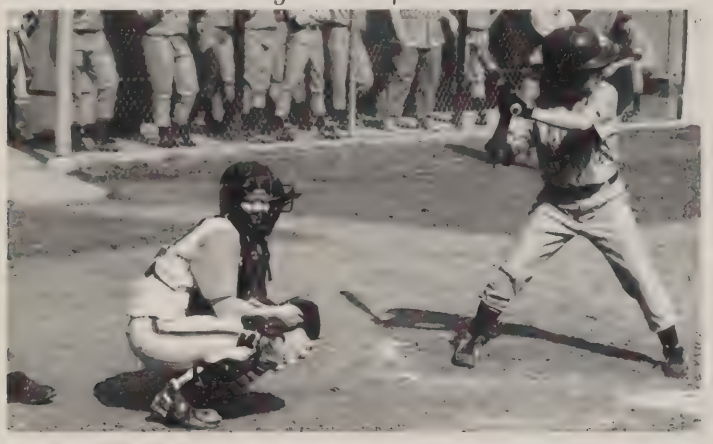
Scott Leonard

Queens of the Diamond

Lady 'Cats take District and Regional titles

The Lady Bearcats success this season has been described in one word by Coach Barry Reed"OVERACHIEVED". The 'Cats had their best season ever with a record of 17-9 and racked up with two tiles to end their season. The Lady's , who were ranked third before the season started, took the regular seaon district title by winning out the reminder of the season after a disappointing loss to Abingdon. The also won the RegionIV title by beating Richlands 6-2 and then Patrick County in the finals, 7-1.

What was that again? *Junior catcher Suzanne Senter waits for the signals from Coach Barry Reed. Having different signals keeps the other coaches from knowing what to expect next.*







Another Victory! *The Lady 'Cats shake hands with the Lebanon Pioneers after the game. It was critical for the 'Cats to win the majority of their games to advance.*

Ball Four - *Take your base. Senior Ginger Crowe advances to first base after being walked by a Gate City pitcher. Walks were appreciated by the girls because it was just as good as a hit.*



Run Nikki Run! *Junior Nikki Campbell goes for home in a big game against Gate City. Each run scored played a big part in each game.*



Stain Lifter - That's ALL. Senior Danielle Eller poses for a picture between innings. Danielle (Our Brother) had dove safely back to first



The Three Stooges- OHS Lady 'Cats coaches Barry Reed, Jennifer Hurt, and Eric Senterwatch the game intensely from the dugout. Without these three coaches, the Bearcats would not have gone as far as they did.



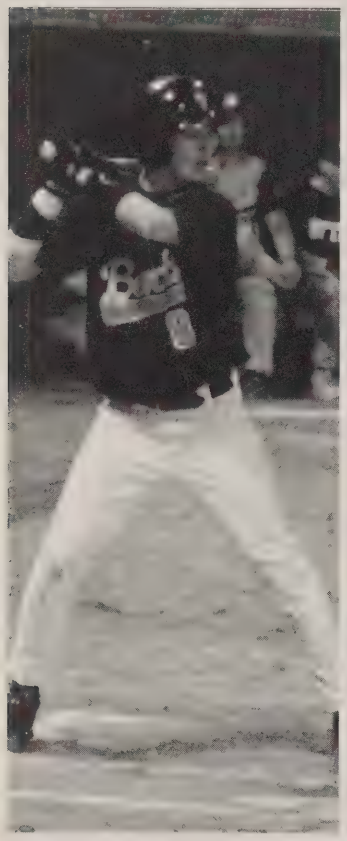
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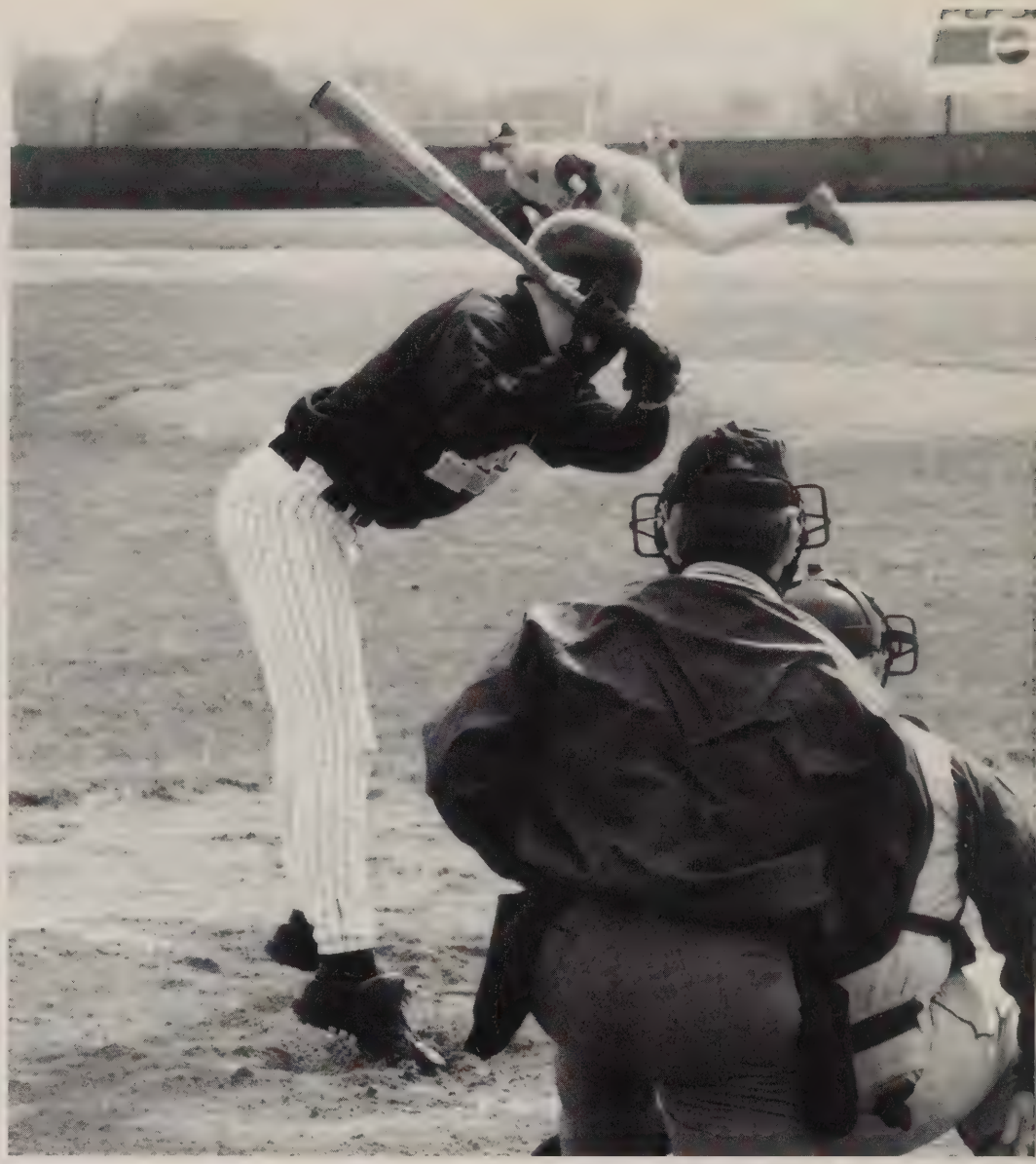


Oarsity
Front Row: Susan Senter, Danielle Eller, Ginger Crowe, Erica Summerville, Sheree Gibbs, Alyson Bowman, Kari Callahan, Ashley Grubb, Second Row: Coach Eric Senter, Kristen Alley, Jennifer Surber, Alana Thomas, Brandi Owens, Nikki Glover, Nikki Campbell, Coach Barry Reed.

Too Close for Comfort- Sophomore Justin Branson tries to avoid getting hit by the pitch.

Waiting for the Pitch- Junior Ryan Dunn waits for a pitch during a game against local rival John Battle High School. Ryan was a key player for the team this year.

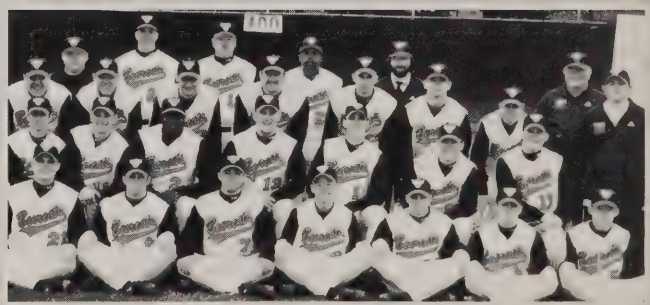






"Ben has great work ethic. His best days in baseball are ahead of him."
-Coach Daniels

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Gate City	9	1
John Battle	2	3
Lee High	4	2
Lebanon	8	0
Richlands	12	2
Tenn. High	7	1
S. Margarita	0	10
Leon High	0	7
Gloucester	4	14
Covington	6	7
Marion	10	2
Richlands	8	1
Lee High	11	0
Abingdon	15	0
Lebanon	10	0
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John Battle	3	0
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Gate City	15	3
Marion	13	0
Gate City	4	2
Lebanon	5	3
Richlands	8	0
Lebanon	8	7
Tunstall	4	2
Louisa	5	1
Dan River	4	5



Varsity- First row, bottom left- Casey Read, Nic Lively, Ben Walls, Justin Branson, Adam Wright, Jacob McAllister, Josh Frazier.
Second row, far left- Robbie Reaetig, Aaron Tobey, Karon Smith, Jeremy Christian, Taylor McInnis, Thomas Moore, Michael McInnis, Manager Kevin King.
Third row, far left- Andrew Belcher, Travis Blevins, Jon Hustad, MaKenzie McNulty, Chris Whiteaker, Ryan Dunn, Justin Norton, "Bulldog" Eller.
Backrow, top left- Randy Hodge, Coach Nave, Coach Daniels, Coach Lee, James Sword.

Jason Preece

Ace of Diamonds

Varsity is Runner-Up in State

The Varsity Baseball team had another great year, finishing with twenty-one wins and only six losses. Highlights of the season include the trip to Anaheim, California to play in the National Classic and finishing second place in the state. The team worked hard all year long and proved themselves to be worthy of the OHS baseball dynasty.

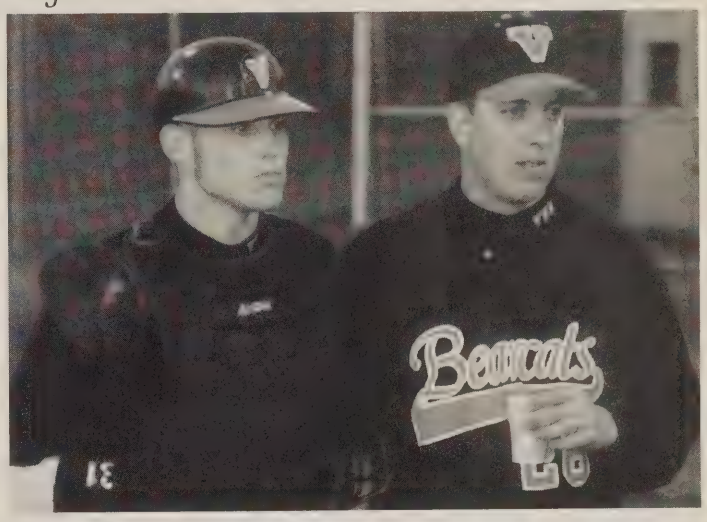
This year's team had seven seniors: Taylor McInnis, Nic Lively, Ben Walls, Travis Blevins, Jeremy Christian, Jon Hustead, and Karon Smith. Each of these players had their own individual roles to play but created a team in the process. The talent and character of this team will long be remembered here at OHS. Congradulations on another excellent season!



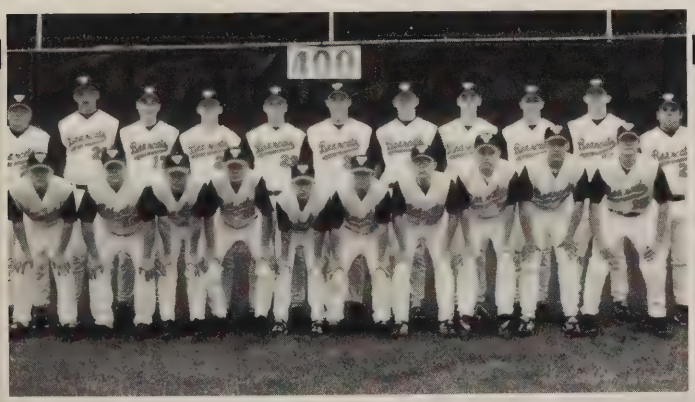
Safe, of Course- *Sophomore Michael McInnis gets another stolen base. The team had a lot of speed on the basepaths this season.*

Alert and Ready- *Senior Ben Walls freezes in his tracks to see where the ball is at. The team is always ready to take advantage of their opponents mistakes.*





Watch and Learn- Senior Travis Blevins and Pitching Coach Nave take a littlebreak from the action to observe the other team. Coach Nave has been a tremendous help to the team.



Junior Varsity *- First Row, Bottom Left- Devin Arnold, Tyler Goad, Josh Frazier, Josh wilkinson, Buddy Adams, Mike Puglisi, Steven Hammrick, Josh Smith, Todd Rosenbaum.*
Top Left- Coach Kovacs, Coach Davidson, Adam Duncan, Derreck Rose, Bryan Morrison, Andrew Belcher, Jeremy Wright, Donald Ashley, Doug Nelms, Isreal Gibson, Coach McCloud.

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Marion	17	5
Gate City	5	2
John S. Battle	5	1
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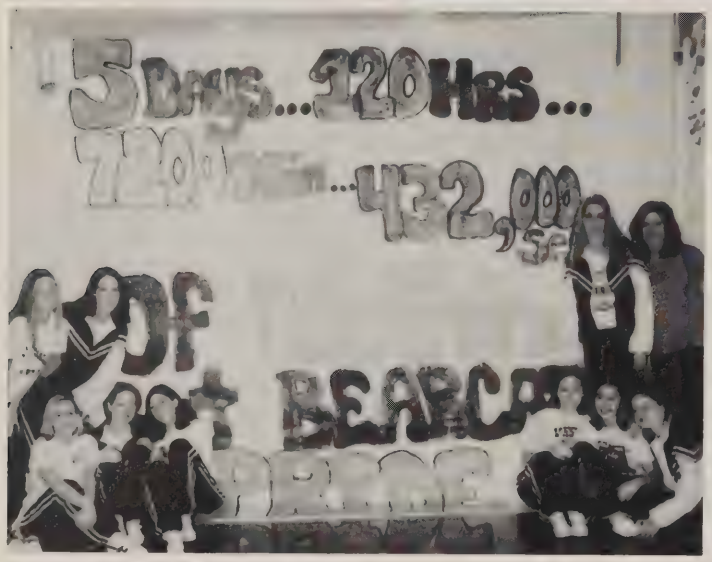
"Bryan has the talent for the game. We are very excited about having him back next year."
-Coach Daniels

Homecoming Spirit - Varsity Cheerleaders take time out to pose for the camera.

Nothing But Pride - Five days of nothing but Bearcat pride led our cats to a victory over Tennessee High.

Christmas Cheer - It's a tradition for the VHS Cheerleaders to participate in Bristol's Christmas parade.









Seniors - First Row- Captain, Cherith Dugger; Second Row- Stephanie Everhart and Candace Hughes; Third Row- Co-captain, Amy Dorton



Varsity Cheerleaders - First Row- Captain, Cherith Dugger; Second Row- Stephanie Everhart and Candace Hughes; Third Row- Co-captain, Amy Dorton; Forth Row- Kacey Wilson and Ashley Moss; Fifth Row- Amy Arnold and Susan Renfro; Sixth Row- Kristy Joris, Sponsor, Joan Minnick, and Alana Thomas





In the April of 1997, the girls of OHS tried out for the 1997-1998 year to be cheerleaders. Those who made the varsity squad this year include seniors Cherith Dugger (captain), Amy Dorton (co-captain), Stephanie Everhart, and Candace Hughes. Juniors include Ashley Moss and Kacey Wilson, and the sophomores are Amy Arnold, Kristy Joris, Susan Renfro, and Alana Thomas. The junior varsity squad includes freshmen Josie Rulless (captain), Sarah Walls (co-captain), Casey Blankenship, Hope Dennis, Kaleena Franks, Alaina Hughes, Amanda Justice, and Erica Summerville.

Since the girls found out that they made the squad they have been painting signs, learning cheers, chants, and dances, selling ads, making and selling the football programs, cheering for football games, and basketball games, and working the concession stand for the '97 and '98 baseball games.

On November 8, the cheerleaders attended a cheer competition at Tennessee High School. They came home with a second place trophy and an invitation to the national cheerleading competiton.

These girls are a very active part of our school system. They have worked very hard to help our school get that extra school spirit.



Senior Smiles - Seniors Cherith, Candace, Stephanie, and Amy pose for a picture before they ride off to college.

Hot- Diggidy Dog - The Cheerleaders posed at the Hot Dog Supper which took place before Meet the Bearcats.

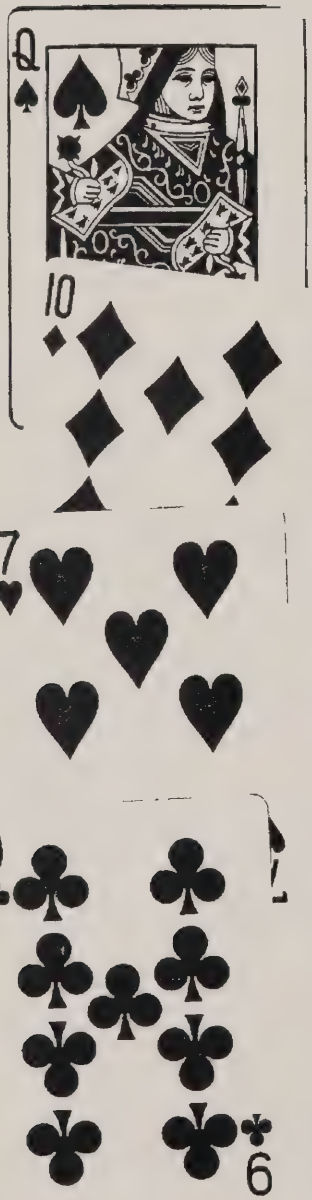


Shout it out! - The Varsity Cheerleaders took second place at the Tri-Cities Regional Cheer and Dance Competition in the cheer division.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders - Hope Dennis, Alana Hughes, Erica Somerfield, Captain Josie Russell, Amanda Justice, Co-captain Sarah Walls, Kalena Franks, and Casey Blankenship

A Class To

"Suit" Everyone!



Virginia High has a class to "suit" the needs of each and every person. There are vocational classes, which are more focused on one particular skill, and academic classes.

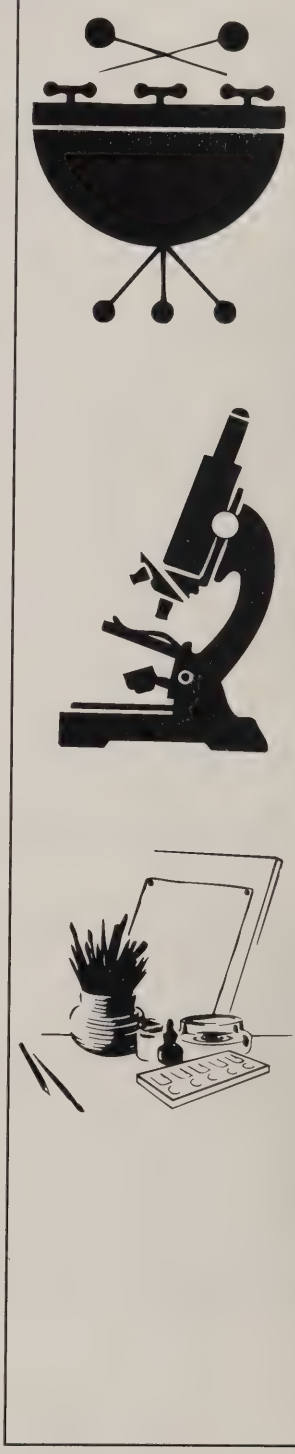
For those with a business sense, there are marketing classes for fashion designers to u-and-coming entrepenuers. There are nemerous computer labs available to the rising technologists and programmers. Those who enjoy hands-on esperience can work in electrictiy, cosmetology, and automechanics. The future doctors of Virginia High School are found in health occupations and the new integrated health occupations class, which was created for a more in-depth look in the medical field. The artistically inclined may take art, choir, chorus, or chorale, while those who enjoy physical education can take advanced P.E. Students intrigued by human behavior and economy can study sociology and economics for a semester. Finally, journalists are offered chances to compile the yearbook and write the newspaper in journalism classes.

For students who plan on having a schedule more geared towards college preparatory classes, there is a wide variety of academic classes.

The science wing offers earth science, chemistry, biology, and physics. There are English classes that range from occuprep to advanced placement. For the students who wish to go beyond the required geometry, Algebra I, and Algebra II, there are trigonometry and claculus classes. Our world and nation's geography, background, and government are taught in geographyy, world history, and government. Finally, the languages and customs of foreign countries and foreign cultures are instructed in French, Spanish, and Latin classes.

The academic classes combined with the vocational classes provide students with a cuurriculum that offers chances to explore opportunities for their future after high school.

--Tracy Decker





Straining your eyes? Sophomores Bryan Morrison and Holly Halstead work together on a lab in Mrs. Kristofek's Biology I class.

Five Minds are Better Than One- Juniors Angie Landrum, Ashley Moss, Philip Testerman, Kacey Wilson, Sarah King work on a group assignment during English class. Group assignments are a break from long lectures during class.

Concentration- Seniors Patty Davis and Leigh Ann Colson concentrate while taking a test during English. English tests can comprise of both oral and written examinations.









Surfing The Net- Sophomore Steven Alva is using one of the many computers that Virginia High has to offer. Students use these to look up research for an English paper or even "Surf The Net".

Where's The Teacher?- Students look back at the camera not paying a bit of attention to the teacher. This is normal for students at Virginia High.



Massive Research - Sophomores undertake the dreaded research paper project in the library. With the coming spring, teachers assign their most comprehensive research assignments.

Excuse Me! English students actually have time to "Say Cheese" for the camera while supposedly very busy on their assignment. Students always like to take a break form class work to just have fun.



Homework: The Ultimate Fold

Students Best Excuses For NOT Doing English

At Virginia High School, English homework is an everyday thing and most of us cannot find time in our busy schedules to fit it in. English is a required course that everyone must take. Each english class has certian requirements that they must meet. In the midst of research papers and vocabulary tests there is also the aspect of homework.

When it is all said and not done, and it is time for the work to be turned in, some students gave us a few excuses for not having it done on time.

"My brother ate it." - Seth Hartsock
"Because I am already smart enough." - April Reed
"I thought that it wasn't due until tomorrow." - Nick Lively
"I was busy doing something else, that was important." - Jimmy Adams
"I just did not do it." - Angie Landrum
"I left it at home." - Tad O'Donnell

English may not be a favorite with many of the students because they say that the homework takes up too much of their time which could be used to sleep, socialize, or just have fun.

Art Makes Everyone Happy -Especially Mrs. Simmons, who takes time out to pose for a picture between her classes. Teachers often spend time between classes organizing for the next class.

Masterpiece-Senior Jonathon Cannon has his pencil and paper ready to go and is well prepared for class. Teachers sometimes count students tardy if they are not prepared for class when the bell rings.









On The Beat- Senior Tony O'Dell and sophomore Rachel Waldron are pleased with their performance in band. Band is the highlight of the day for some students.

Work Of Art- Seniors Angie Cox and Danielle Eller work on their project dilligently in art. Art can be very precise and needs great attention.



Warming Up- Choir members prepare for class by warming up. Warming up often helps students perform during important concerts.

Practice Makes Perfect - Seniors Jodi Hafen and Jamie Clabo practice for an important concert. Choir members spend countless hours perfecting their singing style.



Tough Draw

Students combine their solitary talents in Fine Arts classes.

There are various levels of art offered at Virginia High. In Level I the course acquiants the pupil with basic art concepts, materials and techniques. Level II is a study of color and advanced design. In Level III the student is persuaded to form their own painting style. Level IV is for the more advanced artist who may want to pursue a career in art. Art is a class which many find rewarding.

In band students learn to perform in concerts, assemblies, festivals, athletic events and parades. band emphasizes instrument techniques, musicianship and music theory. This class can be beneficial to the students who want to pursue a career in music.

Mixed chorus is open to all students with an interest in choral singing. this class teaches students musical understanding and skills which makes excellence possible in performances.

Concert Choir emphasizes the development of vocall and choral techniques and appreciation of a variety of periods and styles in choral music. Concert Choir performs in the Christmas concert and Spring Concert and at nearby churches and schools. Chorale is a select group of singers who have demonstrated excellent vocal and musical proficiency.

Leigh Ann Colson and Sarah Tipton

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Parlez-Vous Francais? - Mrs. Garner hands out a test to her French students. Students were tested on the comprehension of the language and their ability to translate the language.

O-Leil- Foreign language students were invited to attend a dancing festival performed by a national troupe. OHS sponsors many cultural events during the year for local students.







Bon Voyage- Sophomore Kristy Joris receives a helping hand from student teacher Suzanne Kinder. Ms. Kinder was a student teacher for Mrs. Garner in her French classes.



Ready to Learn- Students eager to learn, listen closely to what Ms. Dawn Hancock has to say. Spanish is perhaps one of the most popular languages offered at Virginia High.

Showing One's Hand

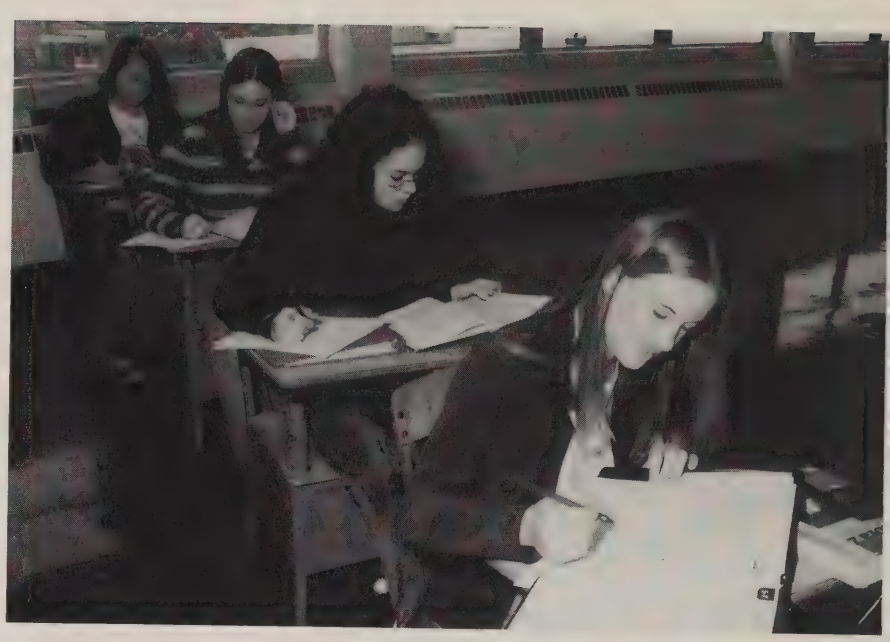
Students explore new cultures

In a survey of sixty nine French students, thirty three Latin students, and two hundred fifteen Spanish students, we found that there are many reasons to take a foreign language. Some of these reasons include, learning a new culture, traveling abroad and expanding one's mind.

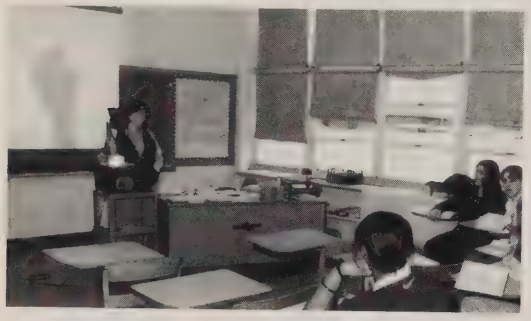
Some students say the most difficult thing about learning a foreign language is forming sentences into the correct form and tense and learning the gender of nouns. other reasons include getting help for SATs, in order to graduate, and in order to get into college.

Adam Combs and Shelley Straley

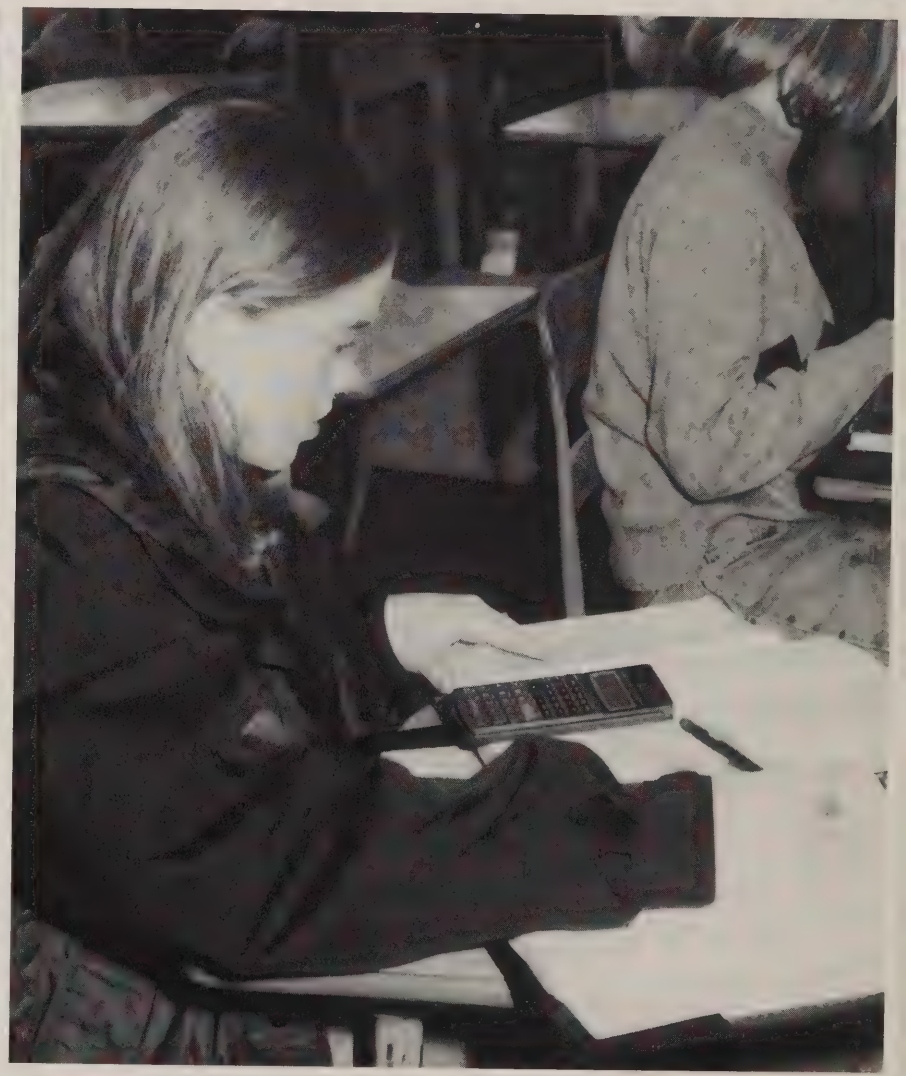
All in a Row - Sophomores Paige Smith, Sarah Tipton, and Sandy Ross work on a difficult assignment in Algebra II class. Students often stay after school to receive extra help with their math.



A clear picture - Mrs. Drosdowski teaches a hard lesson in her Algebra I class. Most math teachers use transparencies to clearly show how to work out a math problem.







Stress, Stress, Stress - Senior Amanda Skeen struggles with math problem, while senior Isaac hill relaxes in the back. Some students find math to be one of the most difficult subjects to conquer.

How do I do this? - Sophomore Shelley Harper tries to figure out a math problem during her Advanced Algebra II class. Advanced Algebra II requires a lot of studying and hard work.



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This is how it's done - Mrs. Bays demonstrates to junior Sheri Carter the process of graphing an equation in her Algebra II class. Algebra II doesn't consist of numbers only; there are other applications involved.

Say Cheese! - Junior Jessica Dehart takes a break from her math work to pose for the camera. Students enjoy the photographer coming around their classes and taking pictures.



A New Hand Dealt

Math Department adds new courses

The 1997-1998 school year has brought on many new things. One of these is a new Integrated Math Sequence. Integrated Math is a three-year block of math classes covering the SOL's in Algebra I and geometry. Members of the math department decided that there should be an alternative to regular Algebra I and geometry. If a student feels that they need to take more than one year of each Algebra I and geometry course, then the Integrated Math Sequence is just what they need. Colleges and universities will accept the three-year sequence as an algebra and geometry credit. Those that do not attend college will have the skills to work in the hi-tech job market. Mrs. Melkowski, Mrs. Cochran, and Mrs. Bays are the teachers that have developed the program. Those teaching the first year are Melkowski, Osborne, and Drozdowski.

Another new course in the math department is algebra connections. This course deals with problem solving techniques that can serve as preparation for applied Mathematics or Algebra I (Part I and II). Topics include algebraic concepts, fundamentals of graphing, ratios, proportions, and percents, problem comprehension and a review of arithmetic skills.

Scott Ellis

Scott Ellis and
Elena Schiano

Going Batty - Advanced P.E. seniors hang like bats to pose for the camera on the camping trip. This class gave students the opportunity to try new and different things, such as camping.

Listen Up! - Students in Coach Cressel's freshmen health class listens attentively while he gives them their assignment. Listening to instructions was important for passing the class.







Stroke! - Svenja Nothbaar, senior, swims laps using the backstroke. A unit of swimming was a part of the class plan. The students got to choose when they swam during the year. Students could choose to swim in the Fall, Winter, or Spring.



Shall we dance? - Advanced P. E. students do ballroom dancing for one of their activity units. This unit introduced the students to various kinds of dancing, such as, line dancing.

Jeb Roh



Warm Up - Sophomore P. E. students run laps as a warm up exercise before doing an activity. The coaches make sure students stretch well before attempting any activities.

Smile! - Some freshmen health students take time out of class to smile for the camera. The students always have fun in class and at the same time learn many important things.



Life's Activities

Students participate in a Variety of Activities

Physical Education and Health classes offer something for everyone. It is a required class for students in the ninth and tenth grade. Students learn healthy lifestyles, ways to handle stress, group skills, and athletic techniques. The tenth grade classes especially look forward to health class because that is when the skills necessary to receive their drivers licenses are taught. Many of the topics covered in health classes give students knowledge and skills they will use their whole life, such as first aid, keeping a body healthy, and resisting drugs and alcohol.

Advanced physical education was offered to juniors and seniors who had attained a 3.5 grade point average in physical education for the first two years and passed an evaluation by Coach Baker and Coach Cressel. Advanced P. E. students participated in a variety of activities such as scuba diving, repelling, and riflery. The coaches even took the class on an overnight camping trip. This year also marked the twelfth consecutive year that the class had been offered. Senior Adam Shields, who has taken the class for two years, had this to say about the Advanced P. E. program; "It's a break during the day that you can have fun and meet new people."

Advanced physical education is a great opportunity for those students who are interested in learning new sports or who may want to continue their education in the physical education field.

Jeb Rohr

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Group Discussion - Seniors Ashley Helton, Aimee Perilloux, Alyson Cross, Elizabeth Patterson, and Alex Walls develop their marketing skills during marketing class.

Concentration is Key - Sophomore Tim Kirkpatrick concetrates on a tough assignment during marketing class. This is just one of the many tasks that they do in marketing.









Listen Up - Students in marketing enjoy a good lecture on the importance of effective marketing strategies. Lectures are a major part of this class

Fraud!!! - Juniors Jeff Peck and Thomas Moore pose for the camera during marketing class with Mrs. Dean (while pretending to look like they are working on an assignment). Marketing helps students prepare for a variety of careers for their future.

Sandy Ross



Designing Women - Seniors April Doss and Karen Lewis discuss fashion with teacher Mrs. Sharon Acuff. Fashion is a great class for aspiring design students who desire a career in fashion merchandising.

Caught Off Guard - Senior Amanda Maine tries to figure out the meaning of life while fellow classmate senior Andrea Uhrin works on a tough fashion assigment during class.



Decked Out!

Fashion and Marketing; Experience for the Future

Marketing and fashion are vocational classes that many students take to prepare them for their future. Many students in marketing have jobs. To gain experience for the future and to earn spending money are some reasons why students work.

An educational movement that is presently occurring at Virginia High is the High Schools That Work program. This project involves the integration of vocational and academic classes. One project that has recently taken effect is the implementation of a cooperative effort between marketing and journalism. The marketing classes are responsible for promoting and selling the yearbook. This lessens the stress for the yearbook staff so they can focus on the layout of the yearbook.

Fashion is a specialized course designed to provide interested students with the basic knowledge of the apparel and accessories industry, and with competencies necessary for successful employment in fashion merchandising.

The competencies included are social and economic, and the areas covered are personal selling, sales promotion, purchasing, physical distribution, marketing planning, product-service technology, and marketing mathematics.

Pam Hagy and Sandy Ross

Pam Hagy

Too Easy - Senior Nick Smith breezes through an assignment in Drafting III. Students use computers in addition to the traditional paper and pencil drawings done in drafting.



Thinking it Through - Seniors Jon Vermillion and Josh McAllister analyze their data while fellow senior Magda Gradkowska continues the lab work in principles of technology.

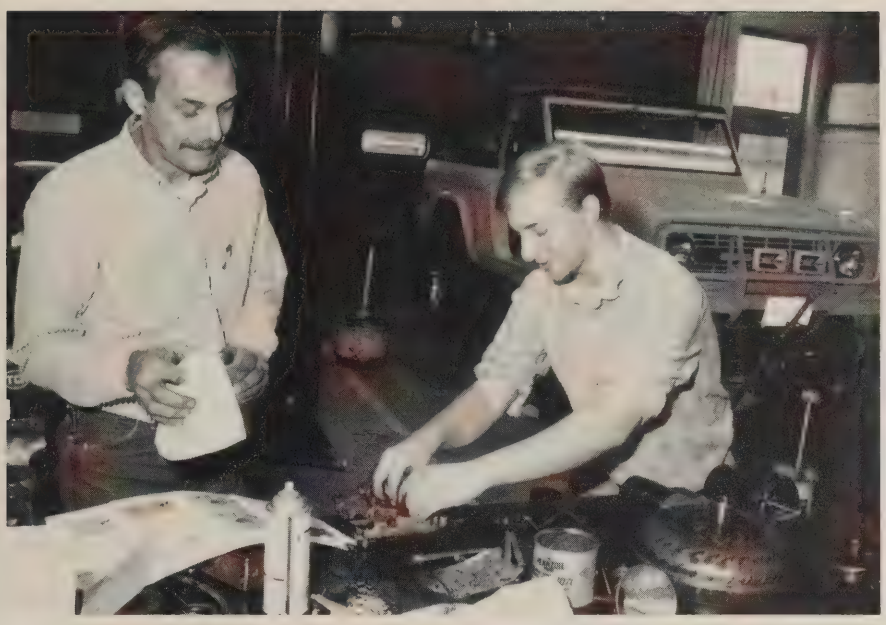




Computer Whiz - Senior Jon Cannon repairs a computer (or is he playing a game?) in electricity. Students get hands-on experience to prepare them for their future.



Master Mechanic - Senior Isaac Hill completes an oil change as junior Roscoe Phillips takes note of how it's supposed to be done. Students get a chance to work on faculty members' and other students' vehicles during the course of the year.



Show Off - Auto technology instructor Mr. Ramey looks on as junior Matthew McClellan shows off the skills that he has learned from taking the class. One advantage of technology classes is that the students are able to work with actual industry materials.

Hands-on Experimentation - Sophomore Danny Li and junior Keith Fleenor set up a lab in principles of technology. The class helps students heighten their observation and analyzing skills.



The Real Deal

Vocational classes help students with real life work experiences

Automotive technology, drafting, electricity, and principles of technology all have one thing in common: they all prepare students for the industrial world of work. Each technology class helps students gain the skills needed to work in industry. Students also learn respect for other people's work while taking pride in their own work.

Vocational and technical professions make up the majority of jobs in the country. Because of this, it is up to high schools, vocational schools, and technical schools to prepare students for their future. The vocational classes are important not only to diversify a student's range of knowledge but also to promote excellence and hard work.

Whether or not a student is going to pursue a career in the particular vocational class that they are taking is not something that they are worried about. Even if a student decides on another career, the skills that they learn in their class can be used throughout their lives. Take automotive technology for example. If a student goes through this class it may not mean that they are wanting to be a mechanic, it might mean that the person is interested as to how to repair their own automobile in the future.

In automotive technology students learn how to maintain and repair automobiles. In drafting students work on computer aided drafting as well as paper and pencil to draw mechanical devices and architectural plans. In electricity students learn about how electrical devices work and how to repair them. In principles of technology students work on their laboratory skills. Taking a vocational class can be very rewarding to you later on in life.

Jason Preece

Salon Style - Junior Genny Young and Senior Brenda Allen dry a head of hair in Cosmetology. All students practice on mannequins before attempting to cut on a customer's hair.

Snip, Snip, Snip - Senior Jon Hustad gets his hair cut by classmate Latisha Sensabaugh while Senior Camie Weaver stands by and observes.









Rock-a-bye Baby - Kamryn Blankenship sits in her chair while listening to a story in daycare. Stories are a special time for the children to relax and have fun.

Deadline - Senior Robin Hughes tries hard to finish up an assignment during her Cosmetology class.
Students learn various ways to cut, style, and design hair.

Holly Halstead



Hands on - Juniors Jessica Pender, Kim Burnette, Kanika Newton, and sophomore Jacqleen Falante experiment with models in Ms. Mullin's Health Occupations class.

Sweet Stuff - Senior Tonya McCracken is having fun with Lavonda Davis' baby, Castavas, in daycare. Responsibility is a major key for students when taking care of the children.



Best of the Deck

Vocational classes experiment with real life jobs.

Vocational classes, like cosmetology, health occupations, and child care, are an important asset to Virginia High's educational curriculum. These classes provide students with lessons in responsibility that will last them a lifetime, and also assists them with the knowledge that real life jobs require. Preparing students for the future is one of the many goal of the vocational department.

Virginia High is facing another year of challenges in educational approaches. One of these changes includes the integration of vocational and academic classes. Mrs. Blankenship, Latin; Mrs. Kristofek, biology; Mrs. Mullin, health occupations; Mrs. Melkowski, math; and Mrs. Palmer, communications, have combined their skills into one integrated health occupations class.

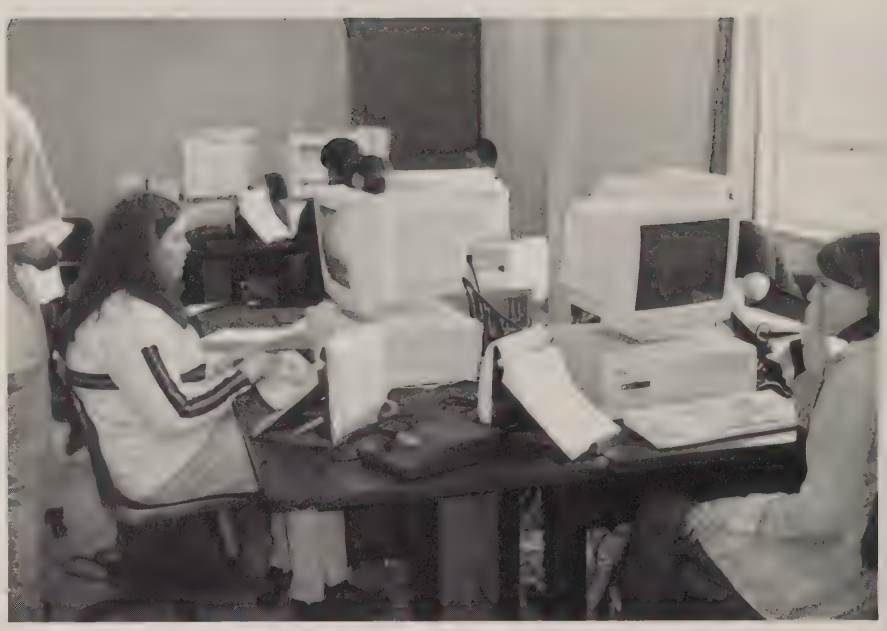
Cosmetology, on the other hand, has not changed. Students are still introduced to the selected skills required of a licensed cosmetologist. Emphasis is placed on safety, sanitation procedures, and the basic fashion of beauty. Hair coloring, waxing, manicuring, and facials are practiced on other students during a special time in class.

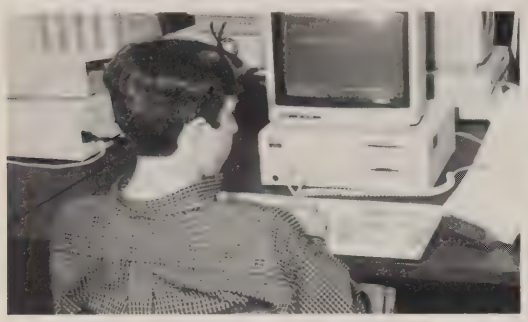
Child care assists students in deveolping the skill and understanding needed in working with small children and babies. Working with the children helps students accomplish their goalsby utilizing hands-on experiences. Child care is also a class that has an emphasis on the development of personal qualities and job-seeking skills for employment.

Holly Halstead

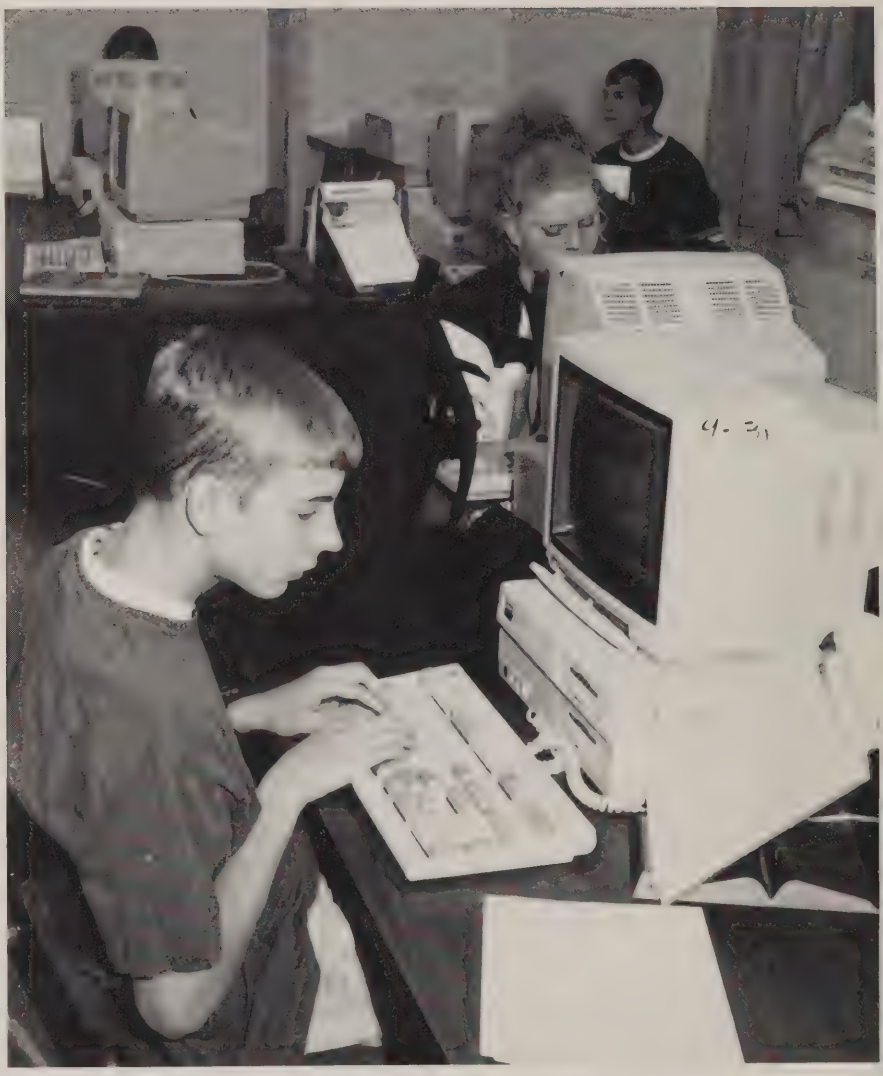
Wait on Me! - *Freshman Emily Mays is busy typing away while senior Svenja Nothbaar waits for her computer screen to come up. Getting behind on classwork means a considerable amount of time after school*

Lounging - *Freshman Buddy Adams seems relaxed while typing in his keyboarding class. All students must have keyboarding class in order to receive a diploma.*



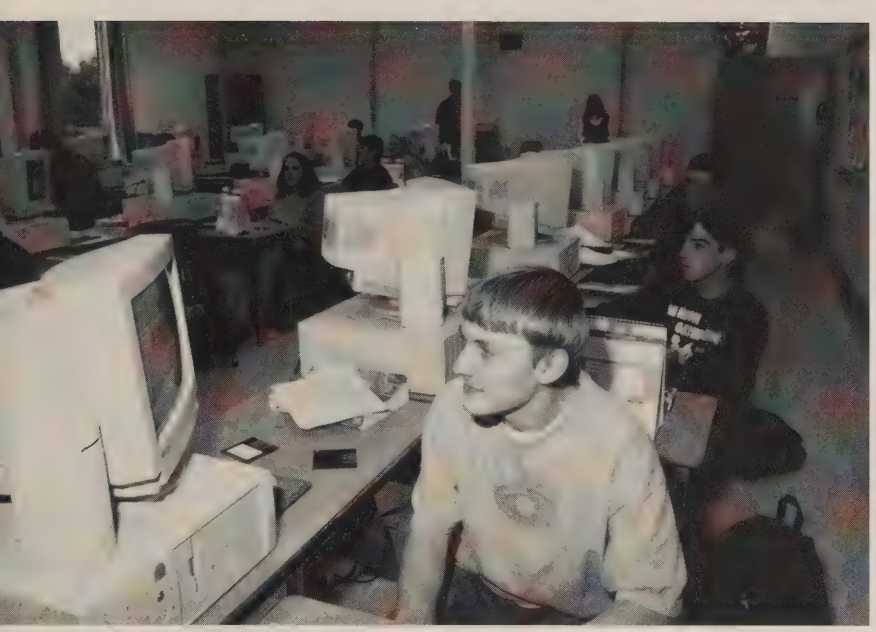






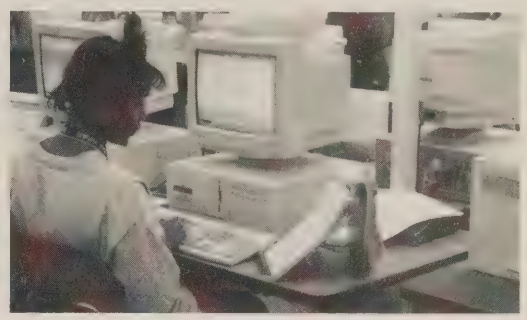
Is this right? - *Freshman Michelle Sullivan checks the positions of the keys to make sure she is correct. Learning the positons of the keys is essential to keyboarding.*

Am I finished yet? - *Freshman Kent Sanslow looks at his book, trying to figure out what to type next. Keyboarding is essential for students to take because it teaches them the fundamentals that will help them in typing differnet type of documents.*



Busy at work- Junior Jack Goodson is busy typing away in his computer information class. The CIS class is responsible for the Virginia High web page in the school library.

Another one?- Freshman Erika Nophlin is busy typing one of the many assignments during her class. Students in first year classes spend most of their time learning how to type various kinds of memos and letters.



Shuffling Through the Keys

Business classes instruct students on the basics of computer technology.

The business classes aid students in learning how to type and how to work in a business-like environment. Students learn how to type different kinds of papers and how to place their hands on the keyboard in order to use it correctly.

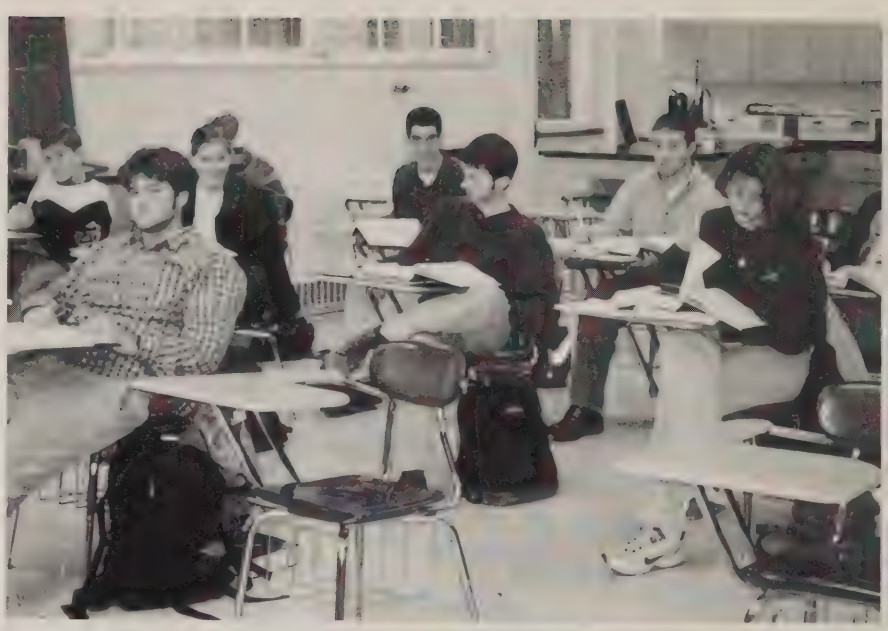
In more advanced computer classes, students learn how to use the computer in order to do more complicated things. Students develop intermediate to advanced level word processing skills using a variety of software functions, including graphics and desktop publishing. Students gain competence integrating other applications such as database and spreadsheet into work processing activities. Classroom experiences also provide for skill development in communicaton. For instance, the Computer Information System classes developed a Virginia High School web page on the Internet.

Being in a business class helps to improve a student's computer skills and enables them to be aware of todays ever-changing technology. As students venture into the twenty-first century, computer technology will become a stronghold that will determine one's success in the business world.

Brandi Owens

College Curriculum - Physics, one of the hardest classes in the science wing, has students continuously racking their brains.

A Needed Break - Biology II students are given a few minutes to relax before the bell rings. Biology II is one of the most difficult levels of science that requires memory and apllication processes.







Double, Double, Boil and Trouble - Freshmen Josh Sokolow, Erika Nophlin, Tiffany Carter and Joey Gasbarri participate in a lab concerned with the effect of heat on different land surfaces.





Earth, Water, and Sky - Earth Science students work together with sand, rocks, and dirt to determine which one will hold heat the longest.

Notes, Notes, Notes - Along with labs and tests, in Chemistry, students spend a majority of the time copying notes off of the overhead.



Kings of the Hill

Students deal with the demands required by taking advanced classes

Many students at Virginia High opt to take advanced science classes. According to those students, there are many advantages and disadvantages to taking Biology II, Chemistry II, and Physics. Most students agree that a major advantage to these classes is that it helps prepare students for college courses. The advantage for Blair Pippin is, "to have a challenge and to better prepare oneself for the future."

Although there are many advantages to advanced S point classes, there are also a range of disadvantages. Most students in these classes complain that they are much tougher and contain a lot more homework. Jamie Butcher comminted that, "They take up a lot of time, and cause a lot of stress."

When asked how the students manage their time with such a heavy load of homework, they mostly all said the same thing. They agreed that they had to budget their time, plan ahead, and just make time for it. When explaining her time management, Heather Mullins explained that she does it, "the best possible way, sometimes you just have to set you priorities."

Students were also asked why they would take a class that involves so much extra work. They all agreed that they did this to become better prepared for college. Tony O'Dell added, "chemistry is what I enjoy and I plan to pursue it in college, it is worth the extra work."

Candace Hughes

Smile - Michael Goodell and Lenzy Combs pause a minute from washing uniforms for the high school athletics to get their picture taken.



Concentrate - Miranda Carrier takes time away from her friends long enough to concentrate and work hard on her work.





Clean! Clean! Clean! - Joey Booher and Michael Goodell stands and watches while Lenzy Combs cleans up the weight room.

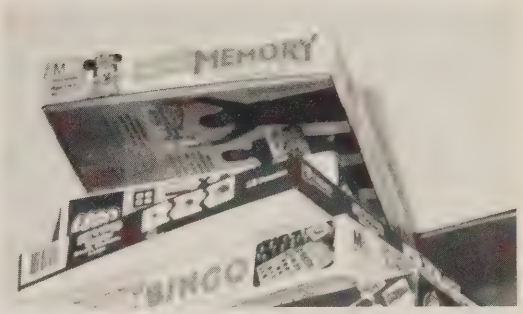


Gather Around - the students take a break from their work to gather around and pose for the camera and talk to one another.



Listen Up - Joey Booher and Micheal Goodell work hard and learn about classic literature while they listen to lessons on tape.

Hi-Ho Cherry-O - Students in Special Education enjoy playing such games as Hi-Ho Cherry-O, Candy Land Bingo, and Memory Game during their free time.



Favorites

Students Shuffle Through Special Activities

What are your favorite games to play?

"Nintendo" - Michael Goodell
"Basketball" - Lenzy Combs
"Sleep" - Melissa Cross
"Watch racing" - Joey Brooks
"Barbie games" - Miranda Carrier
"Bowling" - Isaac Litton

What is your favorite activity during school?

"Play on computer" - Michael Goodell and Miranda Carrier
"Fill drink machines" - Lenzy Combs and Isaac Litton
"Cooking" - Melissa Cross
"Play-gym" Joey Brooks

What if your favorite food?

"Hamburger" - Michael Goodell
"Pizza" - Lenzy Combs
"Hot dogs" - Melissa Cross
"Sandwiches" - Joey Brooks
"Ribs" - Miranda Carrier
"Cheeseburgers" - Isaac Litton

What is you favorite Television show?

"Cartoons" - Michael Goodell
"Wrestling" - Lenzy Combs
"MTV" - Melissa Cross and Miranda Carrier
"Nascar Racing" - Joey Brooks
"Rescue 911" - Isaac Litton

Pass It On - Senior Amanda Maine passes her American history homework up the row to junior Alyson Bowman. American history teaches students about their ancestors and culture and is required for graduation.

Social Studies Buddies - Seniors Nichole Trump and Kelly Redden take time out in government for a picture. Students often have time for socializing at the end of class.







Lesson Plans - Mrs. Waldorf, a student teacher for Ms. Shaw, plans her lessons for the day. Mrs. Waldorf was one of many social studies student teachers to walk our halls this year.

Study! Study! - Sophomore Carl Brown works diligentely on his geography classwork. This class was offered to students in grades 9-12.

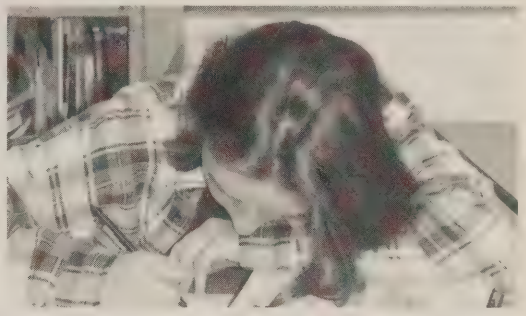


Scott Leonard and Erin Lucas



Concentrating on the Assignment at Hand - Students in Mrs. Shaw's U.S. Government class work quietly. In this class students learn about the way the United States government is run.

Map Work - Lindsi Anderson does her work in Mr. Collins' geography class. For an advanced diploma, a student needs to take either geography or world history.



Student Teachers Follow Suit

When It Comes To Note-taking, Students Like To Cut The Deck

Each year Virginia High challenges student teachers in many different areas. During the first semester of 1997, the social studies department received three student teachers. One was in Ms. Shaw's American History class, one in Mr. Collins' geography class, and one in Mr. Locke's U.S. Government class. Student teaching helps these individuals to experience what live teaching is all about. Robin Waldorf was the student teacher that attended Ms. Shaw's American History class. Ms. Waldorf is a student at King College who enjoyed her time as a student teacher at Virginia High School. Ms. Waldorf commented that she liked the interaction with the students and would like to go on to teach on the middle school or high school level. Ms. Waldorf has learned that students are very creative when it comes to making excuses for not doing their homework, or taking notes.

Notes! Notes! Notes! Everyone has to take them, and everyone hates them? Many students can find very interesting things to do when not taking notes. Here are some of the things students gave.

Shelley Harper - "daydream"
Suellen Leonard and Karen Barnes - "draw"
Ryan Dunn - "sleep"
Amber McCready - "write notes to my friends"
Glen Williams - "do homework from other classes or read a book for English class"

Scott Leonard and Erin Lucas

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Aces In The End

YEARBOOK HONORS TOP TEN SENIORS

The Top Ten is a new tradition at Virginia High School. The yearbook staff believes that the top ten seniors who work the hardest deserve to be honored in the yearbook.

This is only the second year that a Top Ten section has been included in the yearbook. Most students like the idea of having this section added to the yearbook.

"The Top Ten is good because it is a reward for the people who work really hard in school." says Shelley Harper.

Teachers also like the idea of honoring the students who work the hardest. Mrs. Propst thinks that "this is a distinction for which the students have worked long and hard, and they deserve recognition for this accomplishment just as other students deserve recognition for their achievements."



Top Ten — The top ten seniors pose for a picture at the senior luncheon. From left: Jamie Butcher, Jennifer Shanks, Jon Rogers, Blair Pippin, Andrew Blair, Cherith Dugger, Allison Freeman, Kate Sewell, Vivian Davis, and Amanda Jones.

The top ten seniors of the 1997-98 graduating class are Andrew Blair, Jamie Butcher, Vivian Davis, Cherith Dugger, Allison Freeman, Amanda Jones, Blair Pippin, Jon Rogers, Kate Sewell, and Jennifer Shanks. Not only have these ten seniors worked very hard for the past four years, but so have many other seniors who did not make it into the top ten by just a point or two.

These ten seniors represent the better part of the 1997-98 senior class with all of their activities, school work, sports, and jobs. Some of these seniors have played a major part in bringing bigger and better things to VHS for the next generations of seniors.

These seniors should be congratulated for working hard and showing excellent values, manners, and they know how to be considerate and act responsibly.

1 Valedictorian, Jamie Butcher, plans on attending the University of Virginia and will be majoring in Anthropology.
Jamie goes by Townes Van Zandt's motto "To live is to fly, low and high so shake the dust off your wings and the sleep out of your eyes."

2 Valedictorian, Jon Rogers, plans on attending the College of William and Mary and will be majoring in Government.
Jon goes by the motto "Everyday should be passed as if it were to be our last." — Publius Syrus, maxim 633.

3 Salutatorian, Andrew Blair, plans on attending the University of Pennsylvania and will be majoring in Business. Andrew goes by the philosophical words of Jimmy Buffet "If we couldn't laugh, we'd all go insane."

4 Amanda Jones plans on attending the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and will be double majoring in Oboe Performance and Mathematics. Amanda believes that "Great spirits have always found violent opposition from mediocrities. The latter cannot understand it when a man does not thoughtlessly submit to heredity prejudices but honestly and courageously uses his intelligence." — Albert Einstein.

5 Allison Freeman plans on attending Virginia Tech and majoring in Chemistry.
Allison thinks that "Realizing that you're about to start your life on your own and every decision you make affects it, is the most incredible and the most terrifying part of your senior year."

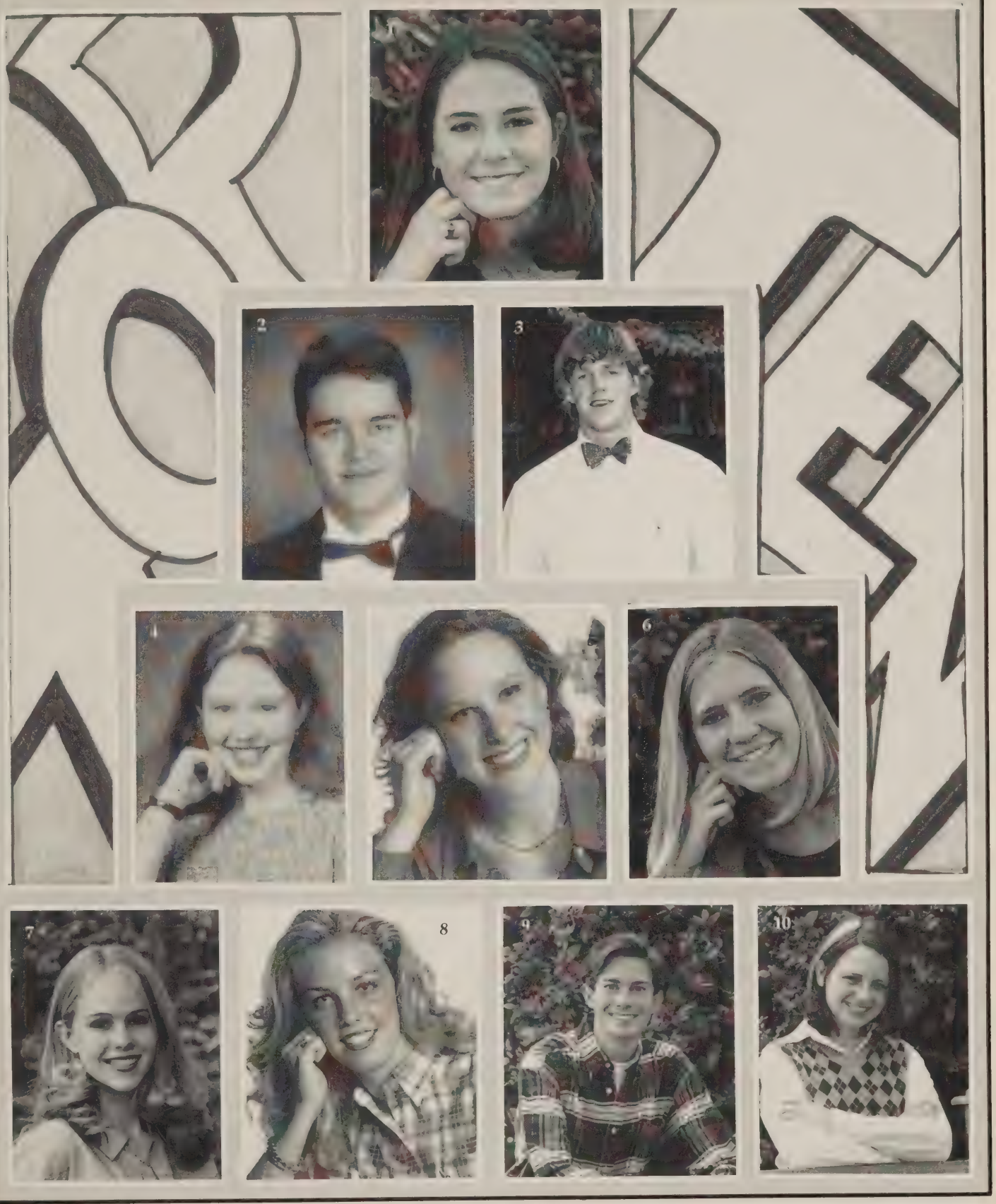
6 Kate Sewell plans on attending Virginia Tech and will be majoring in Chemical Engineering.
Kate thinks that "Life wouldn't be any fun if it wasn't complicated."

7 Jennifer Shanks has not yet decided where she will be going to college or her major.
Jennifer's motto is "Fly by the wings of your own intuition, feeding from that which they hold, your delicate passion for living."

8 Cherith Dugger plans on attending King College and will be majoring in Behavioral Sciences and Education. Cherith believes that everyone should "Challenge yourself to experience and learn all that you can, believe in yourself and give with no thought of getting, and always make the best of what you have now because today quickly becomes tomorrow and yesterday is gone."

9 Blair Pippin plans on attending Virginia Tech and will be majoring in Engineering.
Blair's advice to undergraduates is "Don't let high school stress you out. Relax, have fun, and enjoy it because it will be over before you know it."

10 Vivian Davis plans on attending George Mason University and at this time has not decided on a major.
Vivian's favorite quote is "Super-Rad!"


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HALL OF FAME



" 'Amazing' is the first adjective which comes to my mind when I think of Amanda. Her intellect, musical talent, motivation, initiative, and integrity are extraordinary. In my fifteen years of high school teaching I have not seen all these attributes to such a high degree within one person."

Mrs. Thomas



"Jon Rogers could someday be a senator, a governor, or President of the United States. He has presence, integrity, intelligence, and a sense of humor. What more does one need?"

Mrs. Whitley

The annual tradition of Who's Who has taken on a few new changes this year. The name has been changed to Hall of Fame and selected teachers were asked to write about one of the student selected for this honor.

The process of selecting nominations for the Hall of Fame begins with teachers and staff nominating as many members of the senior class as the like on the basis of citizenship, academic excellence, and contributions to the school through extracurricular activities. Then from those names teachers are asked to vote for the top ten that they think this award should go to. These students are recognized at the Senior Luncheon along with the Senior Superlatives at the Bristol Country Club.

Candy Whicker



"Adam is an excellent role model for students who want to excel in academics and athletics. He has successfully balanced the demands of sports with a rigorous academic curriculum. Adam has prepared himself for a promising and exiting future."

Mrs. Blankenship



"It has been a truly wonderful and rewarding experience to have been a part of Cherith's high school days. To have watched her blossom into such a wonderful young lady has been super! Her helpfulness to others, friendliness, and smile will have a strong influence on us all who have been touched by knowing her. She is truly an All American cheerleader and young lady."

Mrs. Minnick

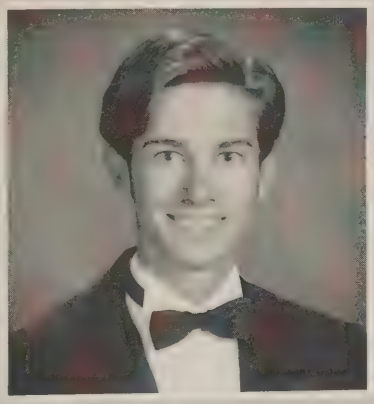


"Jeremy is a true leader. He does things to pick people up that you cannot coach. A pleasure to have on your team. He always found a way to make practice fun. We will miss him at Virginia High."

Coach Locke

NOMINEES

Danny Almond
Jon Blackley
Andrew Blair
Rob Bressler
Krista Burnette
Jamie Butcher
Kevin Carmody
Jeremy Christian
Angie Cox
Amy Dorton
Cherith Dugger
Danielle Eller
Stephanie Everhart
Joey Fields
Beth Fleenor
Allison Freeman
B.J. Griffin
Melissa Grove
Candace Hughes
Robin Hughes



"Blair is an outstanding student and role model. He has assisted and participated in extra-curricular activities. He is organized and focused on his future. He has excelled in Band and Choir while doing well in swimming. Blair is also an Eagle Scout."

Mr. Quackenbush



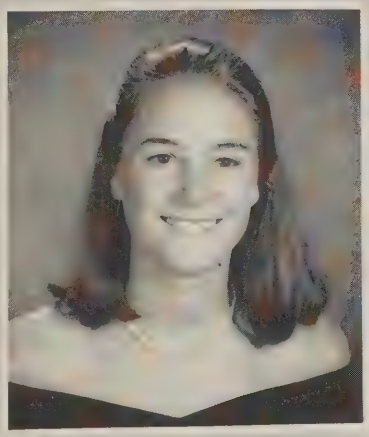
"In my 13 years of teaching at Virginia High, I have never experienced a DECA student with as much enthusiasm and motivation toward achieving and goal put before him or the chapter. It would be my hope that other students could learn and perform by his examples."

Mrs. Acuff



"Jennifer is a very special person who brings light and life to everything she does. She has a deeply philosophical turn of mind that gives her a maturity of thought and the insight for beyond her years. I am reassured when I remember that the future of the world is in the hands of talented people like Jennifer."

Mrs. Propst



"Jamie Butcher is the rare student who gives 100% of her effort every day. She has a special gift for learning, combined with a keen intellectual curiosity as well as a talent and appreciation for the arts. I admire her as a student and as a person."

Mrs. Propst

Amanda Jones
Hope McConnell
Taylor McInnis
Heather Mullin
Tony O'Dell
Blair Pippin
Jon Rogers
Brandon Sanders
Teresangela Schiano
Kate Sewell
Latisha Sensabaugh
Jennifer Shanks
Adam Shields
Shelly Straley
Melanie Swiney
Melanie Trichel
Jack Wagner
Aaron Waldren
Ben Walls
April White
Glen Williams
Jason York



"Stephanie's enthusiasm and hard work have made her an asset to out Pep Club. She has served faithfully as treasurer and has been active in all of our projects."

Mrs. Cowell

AT VIRGINIA HIGH

A Full Deck

A Face in Every Crowd



The students at Virginia High School are like a ***full deck of cards.*** *They are* ***shuffled*** *in the halls and* ***dealed*** *into classes. After they are played, they are put back in the* ***deck*** *and* ***shuffled*** *again.*

The seniors are the ***kings*** *of the school. This is a time for them to look back and remember the fun times they have had at Virginia High. This is also a time for them to think about their future and look forward to the year's upcoming events, such as prom and graduation.*

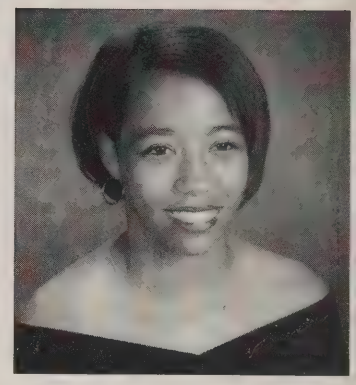
The juniors are like the ***queen.*** *They are only one year away from finishing high school. The juniors* ***shuffle*** *through the year, preparing for SATs and the prom. Many of the juniors participate in activities such as various sports and clubs. Some are on the Prom Committe and take part in the Junior Magazine Sale.*

The sophomores are the ***jacks.*** *They are excited about taking driver's education and getting their licenses. By now, the sophomores are adjusted to the life at Virginia High School. They have learned the rules and the quickest way to get to their next class.*

The freshmen are the ***jokers*** *at Virginia High. They have to adjust to a bigger school and a larger group of people. They go from being the oldest at Virginia Middle School to be the youngest at Virginia High School. They experience a wider variety of classes and a new set of rules.*

The Virginia High students average year is hectic. They ***shuffle*** *through the halls, trying to get to class on time. They have to* ***deal*** *with the homework and studying for tests. Throughout the year there are activities like dances, sports, and clubs for all the students to enjoy. But when you put them all together, they make a* ***full deck.***

-Brandy Whicker

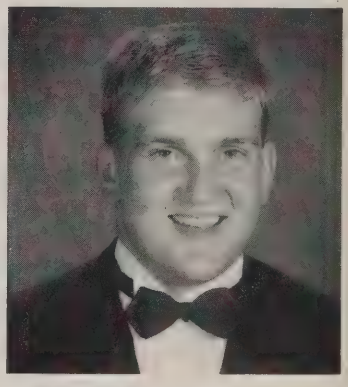


" The most memorable event with my friends from Virginia High would have to be Spring Break my senior year when Melissa Grove, Natalie Meade, and I went to Virginia Beach to see Ziggy Marley in concert. It was madd fun!"

-Senior Latish Sensabaugh

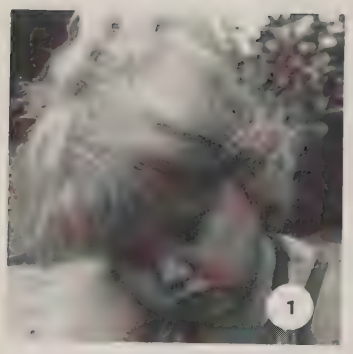
"My most memorable event with my friends would have to be beating T.H.S. in football this season or winning the State Championship in baseball in 1996. "

-Senior Jeremy Christian




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JUST SHUFFLING ALONG ...

























1. Danielle Eller 2. Amanda Maine 3. Kelly Redden 4. Melanie Swiney 5. Mrs. Evans 6. Jamie Clabo 7. Earl Blaylock 8. B.J. Griffin 9. Angel Wine 10. Karon Smith and Taurus Roberts 11. Adam Combs 12. Amanda Perkey











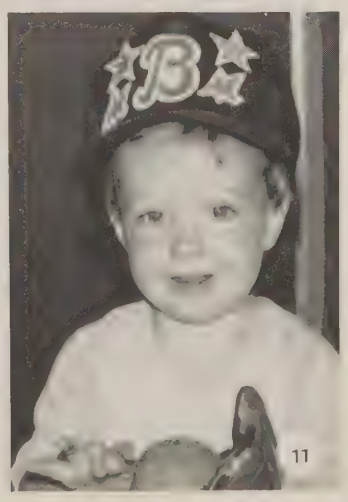














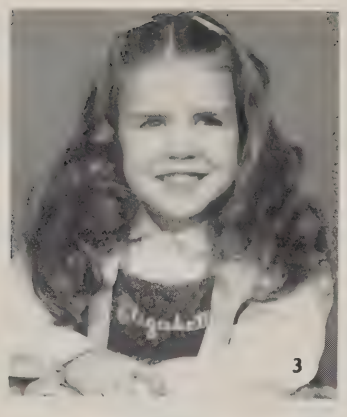




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1. Alyson Cross 2. LaVonda Davis 3. Elizabeth Patterson 4. Mrs. Melkowski 5. Jon Vermillion 6. Mrs. Dean 7. Mrs. Palmer 8. Jon Cannon 9. April Doss 10. Mrs. Shaw 11. Mrs. Bays 12. Rob Bressler 13. Ashley Helton 14. Sarah Brooks 15. Tonya McCracken













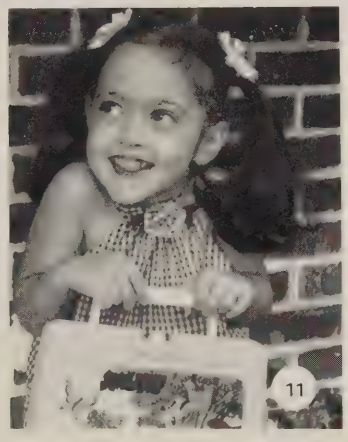






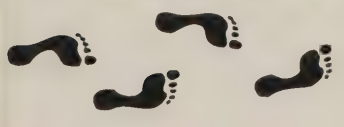












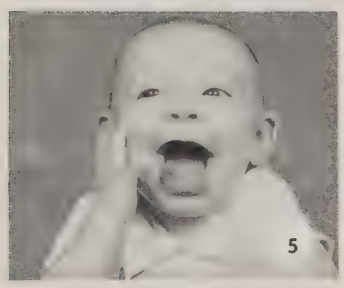
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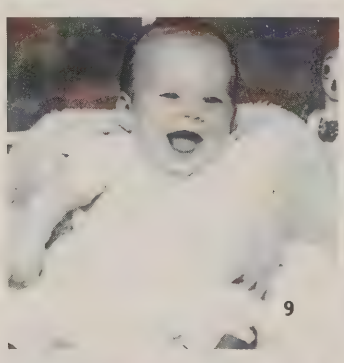


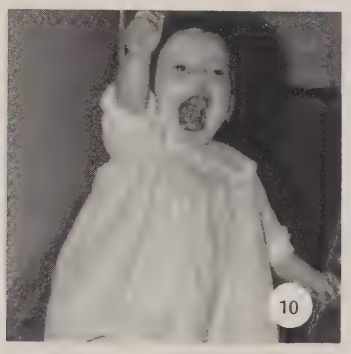




















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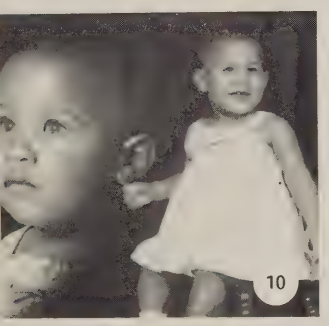




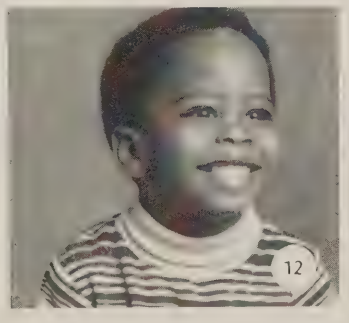


















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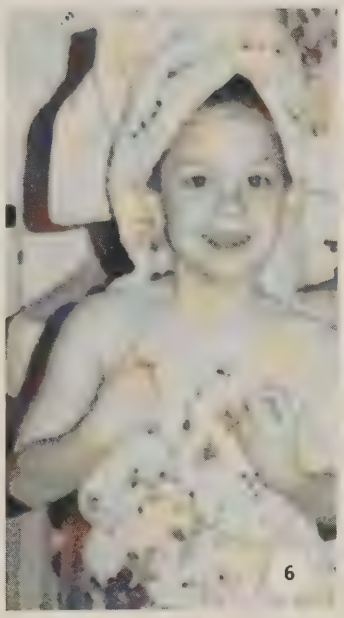


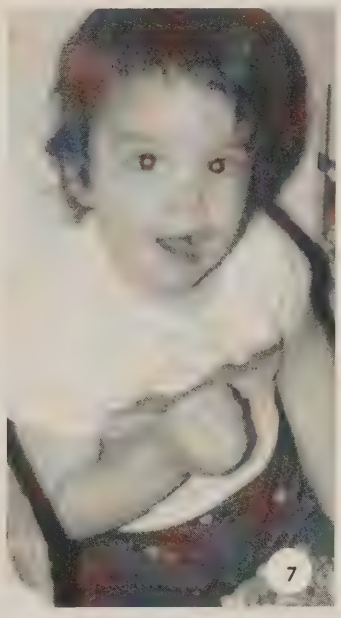
























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Beth Addison



Brenda Allen



Danny Almond



Chad Archer



Crystal Armitage



Scott Ashley



Karen Barnes



Heather Bishop



Jonathan Blackley



Andrew Blair



Kristy Blair



Earl Blaylock



Travis Blevins



Rob Bressler



Cinnamon Brewer



Sarah Brooks



Brant Bullock



Krista Burnette



Jamie Butcher



Leslie Byington



Jonathan Cannon



Kevin Carmody



Rex Carter



Matt Casteel



Nakeisha Cato



Jeremy Christian



Jamie Clabo



Nicole Clevenger



Leigh Ann Colson



Adam Combs



Best Looking

Karen Barnes - "I have known Adam ever since elementary school. He was a cute litte boy and grew up even cuter, he is a great looking guy, who is always friendly and fun to be around. He is well deserving of 'Best Looking'."

Adam Combs - "Karen is very pretty and a well respected girl. She is very deserving of this award."



Most Talented

Kevin Carmody - "Elizabe
is truly the music of the hum
musician."

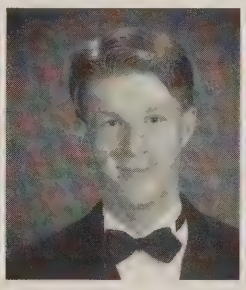
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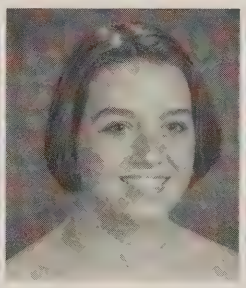
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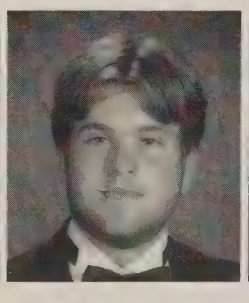
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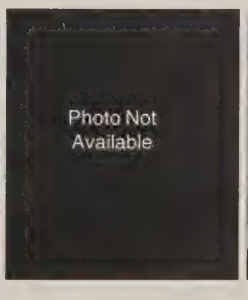
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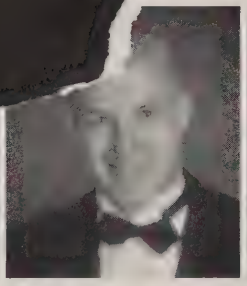
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Melissa Grove



Robert Groves



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Amanda Hall



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Brandon Harris



Seth Hartsock



Ashley Helton

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Issac Hill



Carmen Hobson



BEST ALL-AROUND

STEPHANIE EVERHART - "ANDREW IS AN ALL-AROUND GREAT GUY WHO IS GOOD AT EVERYTHING. NOT ONLY IS HE MY BEST FRIEND'S BOYFRIEND, HE IS ATHLETIC AND WELL ACCOMPLISHED OF HIS GOALS.

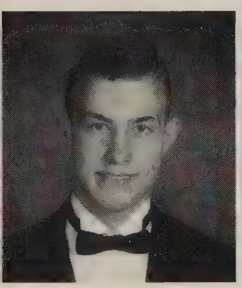
ANDREW BLAIR - "IT IS AN HONOR TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD WITH STEPHANIE. IT DOESN'T SHOCK ME AT ALL THAT HER CLASSMATES FEEL THIS WAY ABOUT HER. I CAN NOT THINK OF ONE MORE DESERVING PERSON. I HAVE KNOWN HER SINCE GRADE SCHOOL AND I HAVE ALWAYS RESPECTED AND ADMIRED HER. I WISH HER THE BEST OF LUCK."



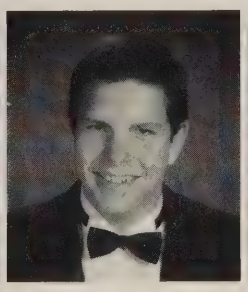
Most Intellectual

Jamie Butcher - "Jon is a really hard worker, a very intelligent guy, and a incredibly sincere person. I have always been impressed with his talent, dedication, and integrity."

Jon Rogers - "Jamie is a versatile student and an extraordinary person. I know that she will be extremely successful in every venture that she takes."



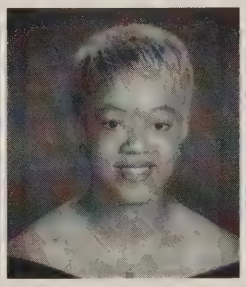
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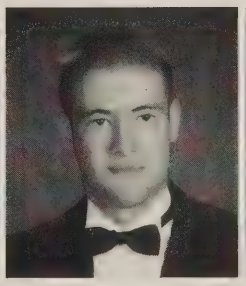
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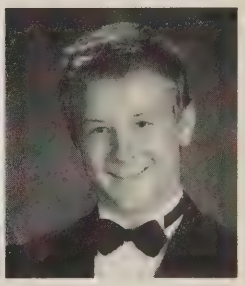
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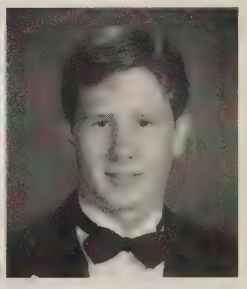
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Anthony Justice



Lauren Kerfott



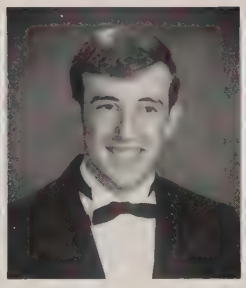
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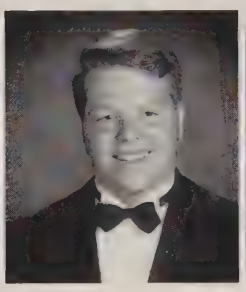


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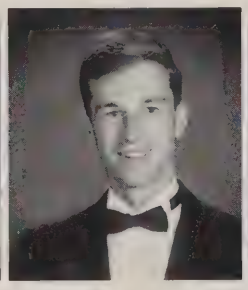
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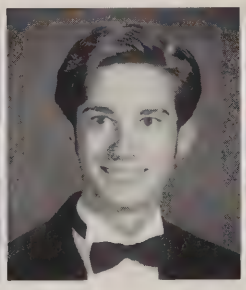
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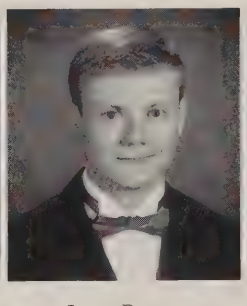
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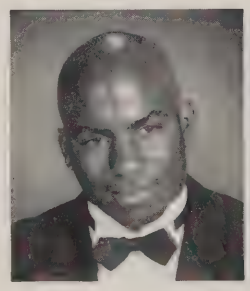


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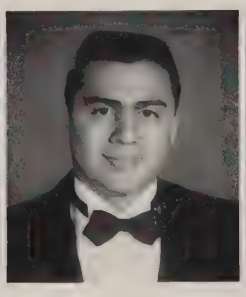
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Taurus Roberts



Tonya Roberts



Valentine Rodriquez



Jon Rogers



Friendliest

Shelley Straley - "B.J. is definately the friendliest guy in the senior class. He has great people skills. I just hope he remembers me one day when he is in the White House

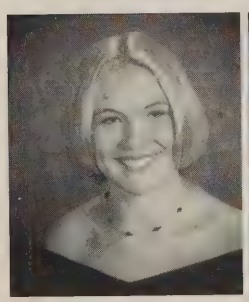
B.J. Griffin - "Shelley is a person who you know you'll remember as soon as you meet her. Her willingness to help others and her friendly attitude has shown me the true insight to life: doing whatever you can to lift the spirits of others."



Most Original

Tasha Sokolow - "Matt's intelligence, musical talent, ability to stand out and speak his mind make him deserving of 'Most Original' because you have to be original to possess all of those qualities."

Matt Casteel - "Non-conforming, dissenting, nihilistict Possibly. Intelligent, respectable, decisivet Undoubtable. Tashat Originalt Most definately."



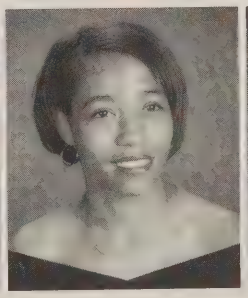
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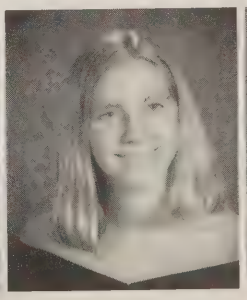
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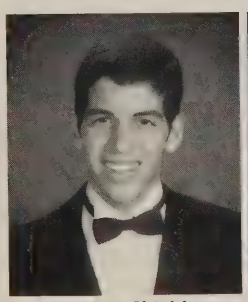
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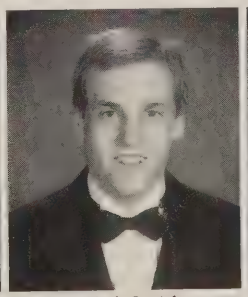
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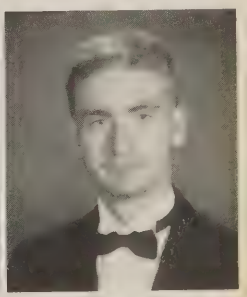
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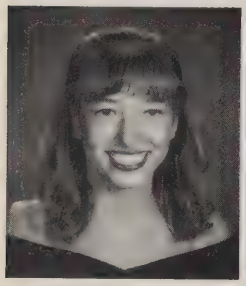
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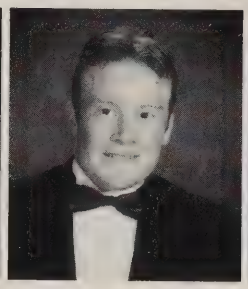
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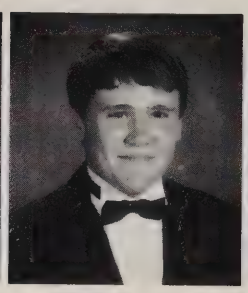
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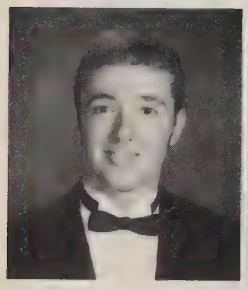
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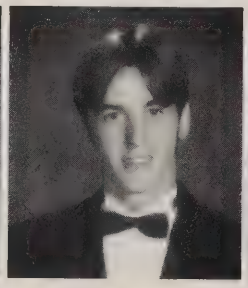
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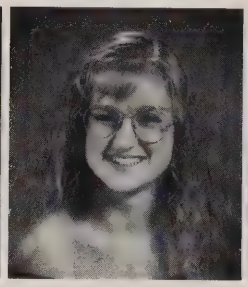
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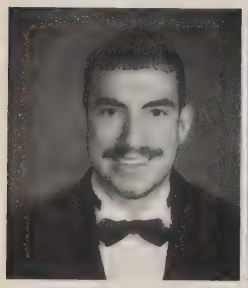
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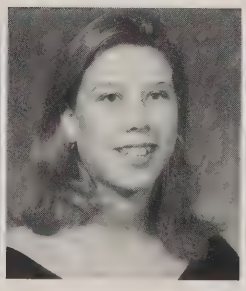
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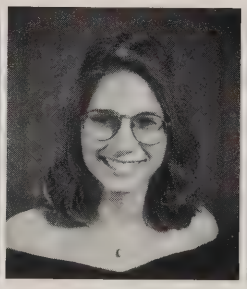
Robert Williams



Travis Williams



Angel Wine



Crystal Wolfe



Jesse Woody



Adam Wright



Tiffany Wright



Jennifer Yates



Jason York



Most Athletic

Latisha Sensabaugh - "Karon is very deserving of the most athletic award. His skills are so tight in basketball, football, baseball, track...I just hope that Karon goes off to college and brings his game up even more so that he can prove to everyone else that Karon Smith is the MAN!"

Karon Smith - "I have known Latisha ever since kindergarten. Her family has been behind her through sports and academics. She has always been good in sports. She has come in first in many track meets." She will be my friend to the end."



Cutest Smile

Jessica Salyer - "Jon is a great guy and everytime I see him, he has the cute little smile on his face."

Jon Hustad - "I have known Jessica for a long time and she is a great girl. She always has a smile on her face and that makes me smile."



Wittiest

***Taylor McInnis** - "Melanie is a funny woman who deserves to be called 'wittiest'. She is also very talented and could have won any other of the superlatives.*

***Melanie Trichel** - "Taylor has that 'Will Smith' sense of humor. His humor is clean and respectable - the kind that everyone enjoys.*



MOST SCHOOL SPIRITED

CANDACE HUGHES - "NOT ONLY IS ALEX SCHOOL SPIRITED, BUT HE ALSO HAS A GREAT PERSONALITY. HE'S TALENTED, ATHLETIC, INTELLIGENT, DETERMINED, GOOD LOOKING, FUNNY AND ALWAYS HAS A POSITIVE ATTITUDE. HE IS WELL DESERVING OF THIS AWARD."

ALEX WALLS - "CANDACE IS FULL OF SPIRIT"















Beth Addison — DECA 11, 12; FHA 9; VICA 10, 11; Softball 9
Gary Almany — DECA 11, 12; FBLA 12, Varsity Wrestling 10, 12
Danny Almond — Beta Club 11, 12; SADD 12; Art Club 10, 11; Latin Club 9, 10, 11; Friends of the Library 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; JV Basketball 9; Cross Country 9, 11, 12; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12
Chad Archer — DECA 12
Scott Ashley — DECA 12; VICA 10, 11
Karen Barnes — Mixed Chorus 9; Concert Choir 10, 11; Chorale 12; BETA Club 12; SADD 10, 11, 12; DECA 11, 12; Pep Club 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 9, 10; Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; JV Volleyball 9; Track 9
Heather Bishop — Mixed Chorus 9; Concert Choir 10, 11; SADD 12; DECA 11, 12; FBLA 11, 12; Friends of the Library 11; VICA 10, 11
Jonathan Blackley — Art Club 10, 11; VICA 11, 12
Earl Blaylock — SADD 10
Andrew Blair — Math SWAC 11, 12; SCA Steering Committee 10, 12; Beta Club 11, 12; SADD 9, 10; French Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Latin Club 9; Pep Club 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11; National Honor Society 11, 12; Cross Country 9; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; Interact 10, 11
Travis Blevins — Spanish Club 10; JV Basketball 9, 10; JV Baseball 9; Varsity Baseball 11, 12; VICA 11, 12
Rob Bressler — Social Studies SWAC 9; Yearbook 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 9, 10, 11; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12
Cinnamon Brewer — Art Club 11; DECA 12; FBLA 10; FHA 9; JV Basketball 9, 10; Softball 9
Sarah Brooks — English SWAC 11, 12; Newspaper 10; SADD 9, 10; FBLA 11, 12; Latin Club 9; Friends of the Library 10, 11; Track 9
Brant Bullock — SADD 10; Pep Club 10; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 9; Swimming 10, 11
Krista Burnette — Art Club 11; DECA 11, 12; Spanish Club 9, 10; VICA 10; Beta Club 9, 10
Jamie Butcher — Social Studies SWAC 10, 11, 12; Mixed Chorus 9; Concert Choir 10; Chorale 11, 12; SCA Steering Committee 9, 10, 11, 12; BETA Club 11, 12; Junior Civitan 10, 11, 12; SADD 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama 9; FBLA 9; Interact 10, 11, 12; History Club 10; Pep Club 9, 11; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Literary Magazine 12; Cross Country 10, 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; JV Cheerleader 9
Leslie Byington — Mixed Chorus 12; SADD 10; Art Club 10; DECA 11, 12; French Club 9, 10; JV Basketball 9, 10; Varsity Basketball 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10
Jonathan Cannon — Beta Club 12; SADD 11; Art Club 9, 10, 11, 12; VICA 10
Kevin Carmody — Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Jazz Ensemble 9, 10, 11, 12; Chorale 12
Rex Carter — DECA 11, 12; JV Football 9; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12
Matt Casteel — Art Club 10
Nakeisha Cato — Concert Choir 12; Beta Club 12; FHA 10, 11, 12; French Club 10; VICA 11, 12; Track 9, 10
Jeremy Christian — Beta Club 11, 12; JV Football 9; Varsity Football 10, 11, 12; Baseball 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 11, 12; DECA 12; FCA 9, 10, 11, 12
Jamie Clabo — Mixed Chorus 9; Concert Choir 10; Chorale 11, 12; SADD 9; Spanish Club 9
Nicole Clevenger — Social Studies SWAC 10, 11; Forensics 11; Yearbook 11; Beta Club 11, 12; SADD 10, 11, 12; French Club 9, 10, 11, 12; History Club 10, 11; Friends of the Library 11, 12; Pep Club 10, 11; Interact 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; FCA 11
Leigh Ann Colson — Newspaper 12; Yearbook 12; SADD 12
Adam Combs — Concert Choir 11; Yearbook 12; Newspaper 12; SADD 9; DECA 12; Pep Club 11, 12; JV Basketball 9; Golf 9; Cross Country 9; Track 9; Soccer 10, 11, 12
Robbie Connell — Art Club 12; JV Football 9; Swimming 10
Derek Cook — Art Club 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11; VICA 12
Chad Cope — SADD 11; DECA 12; French Club 9, 10; Latin Club 9, 10; VICA 11, 12; Football 9, 10
Angie Cox — French Club 9; VICA 10, 11, 12; SADD 10, 11, 12; Art 11, 12
Josh Creger — Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 10; Soccer 9, 10
Alyson Cross — Newspaper 12; Yearbook 10, 12; FBLA 11; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11; Interact 11; FCA 11, 12
Ginger Crowe — Art Club 11; DECA 12; FHA 10; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11; JV Basketball 9; Varsity Basketball 10, 11; Softball 10, 11, 12
Todd Cumbow — DECA 12; VICA 12
Toni Davidson — HOSA 9, 10, 11, 12
LaVonda Davis — HOSA 9, 10, 11, 12
Patty Davis — Newspaper 11; French Club 12; VICA 11, 12
Vivian Davis — Math SWAC 11,

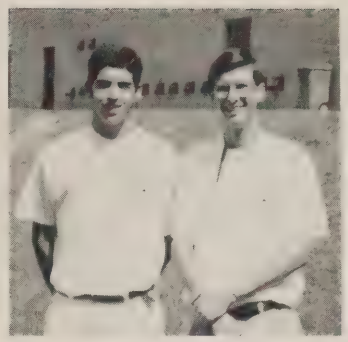
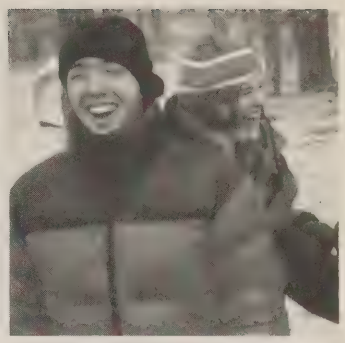










12; All-Around SWAC 11, 12; Marching Band 9, 10, Concert Band 9, 10; Drama 10; Forensics 9, 10, 11; French Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Library Club 12; NHS 11, 12; Tennis 11

Amy Dorton — Mixed Chorus 10; Concert Choir 12; Beta Club 11, 12; SADD 10, 11, 12; DECA 12; FBLA 11, 12; Pep Club 11, 12; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11; Interact 11, 12; JV Cheerleader 9; Varsity Cheerleader 10, 11, 12

April Doss — Mixed Chorus 9; Concert Choir 12; DECA 11, 12; FBLA 10, 11, 12; VICA 10, 11

Jesse Duncan — Concert Choir 11, 12; Art Club 11, 12; DECA 11; Pep Club 9; Spanish Club 10; Varsity Football 10; Baseball 10; Track 11

Cherith Dugger — Science SWAC 9, 10; Beta Club 11, 12; SADD 9, 10, 11, 12; DECA 12; FBLA 9, 10; French Club 9, 10, 11, 12; History Club 9, 10; Pep Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Science Club 9, 10; Interact 10, 11; Prom Committee 11; NHS 11, 12; Art Club 10; JV Cheerleader 9; Varsity Cheerleader 10, 11, 12

Dannielle Eller — Art Club 11, 12; DECA 11, 12; JV Volleyball 10; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12

Scott Ellis — Newspaper 12; Yearbook 12; SCA Steering Committee 9, 10, 11; SADD 9, 10; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11; Pep Club 12; DECA 12; JV Basketball 10; Varsity Basketball 11; Cross Country 9, 10; Track 9, 10; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

Stepanie Everhart — Mixed Chorus 9; Concert Choir 11; Chorale 12; SCA Steering Committee 10, 11, 12; Beta Club 11, 12; SADD 9, 10, 11, 12; Art Club 10, 11, 12; DECA 12; Spanish Club 9, 10; Interact 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 11, 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; JV Cheerleader 9; Varsity Cheerleader 10, 11, 12

Joey Fields — SADD 12; Art Club 12; Pep Club 12; JV Basketball 9, 10; Varsity Basketball 11, 12; Golf 9, 11, 12

Amy Francis

Allison Freeman — Beta Club 11, 12; SADD 10; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12

Matt Gibson — DECA 11, 12; FHA 9; VICA 10

Elise Goliday — DECA 11, 12; Library Club 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 11, 12; VICA 10, 11

Frank Goodpasture — Concert Choir 11; Chorale 12; Beta Club 11; SADD 9, 10, 11; DECA 11; French Club 9, 10, 11, 12; HOSA 12; Latin Club 9; Pep Club 9, 10, 11, 12; JV Football 9; Cross Country 10; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

Magda Gradkowska — Art Club 11, 12; DECA 11; Latin Club 11, 12; Tennis 11, 12

Karyn Greer — DECA 11, 12; FHA 10, 12; HOSA 10, 11

B.J. Griffin — Marching Band 10; Concert Choir 10; Mixed Chorus 9; Chorale 10, 11; SCA Steering Committee 11, 12; Beta Club 12; SADD 9, 10, 11; DECA 11, 12; FBLA 12; Pep Club 12

Melissa Grove — Yearbook 11, 12; Newspaper 10, 11, 12; Beta Club 11, 12; French Club 10, 11, 12; FCA 11, 12; JV Basketball 9; Varsity Basketball 10, 11; Cross Country 12; JV Volleyball 9; Varsity Volleyball 10, 11, 12; Track 11, 12

Robert Groves — JV Football 9; Varsity Football 10, 11, 12

Jodi Hafen — Mixed Chorus 9; Concert Choir 10, 11; Chorale 12; NHS 12; Beta Club 11, 12; Drama 9, 10, 11; HOSA 9, 12; Latin 10, 11; Forensics 10; Thespians 9, 10, 11, 12; SADD 10, 11

Joey Hale — Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Jazz Ensemble 9, 10, 11, 12

Amanda Hall — Drama 9, 10, 11, 12; Thespians 9, 10, 11, 12

Cortney Hall — Mixed Chorus 9; Yearbook 11; SADD 10, 11, 12; DECA 12; FBLA 12; History Club 11; Pep Club 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11; VICA 10

Ronnie Harris — JV Football 9; Varsity Football 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 11

Seth Hartsock — Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Forensics 12

Ashley Helton — Mixed Chorus 9; Concert Choir 10, 11; Beta Club 12; SADD 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11; Pep Club 11; DECA 11, 12

Josh Henley — Mixed Chorus 10; Concert Choir 11; Chorale 12; DECA 12; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11

Isaac Hill — DECA 11, 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12

Carmen Hobson — SADD 9, 11, 12; Cross Country 9; FBLA 11; History Club 11, 12

Jon Holbrook — Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; VICA 11, 12

Clay Hughes

Candace Hughes — Mixed Chorus 9; Concert Choir 11; Junior Classical League 11; Newspaper 12; Yearbook 12; SADD 9, 10, 11, 12; DECA 12; Drama 9; History Club 10; Latin Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep Club 10, 11, 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; JV Cheerleader 9; Varsity Cheerleader 10, 11, 12

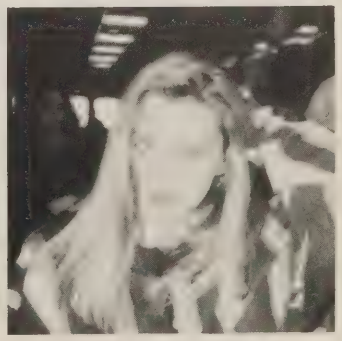
Robin Hughes — Mixed Chorus 12; FHA 10; VICA 10, 12; JV Basketball 9, 10; Varsity Basketball 12; Track 9, 10, 11

Jon Hustad — JV Basketball 10; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; VICA 11, 12; DECA 11



















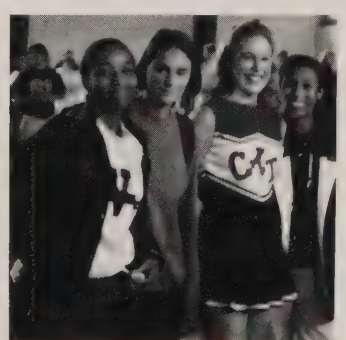




Jeremy Isaacs
Christian Iwainsky
Audra Johnson — Newspaper 10, 11; Thespians 10, 11, 12; Drama 9; VICA 10, 11, 12; Tapestry 11
Amanda Jones — Math SWAC 11, 12; Science SWAC 9; All-Around SWAC 9, 11, 12; Concert Band 11, 12; Mixed Chorus 9; Chorale 10, 11, 12; Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12; Beta Club 11, 12; Science Club 9; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; SCA Steering Committee; Swimming 9
Anthony Justice — Art Club 10; VICA 11, 12
Lauren Kearfott — Mixed Chorus 9; Concert Choir 10, 11, 12; DECA 12; HOSA 11
Ben King — VICA 12; FCA 9, 12; Wrestling 9, 12
Ben Lester — SADD 9, 10; Golf 10; Cross Country 9; Baseball 9, 10; Soccer 11, 12
Karen Lewis — Beta Club 11, 12; DECA 12; FBLA 11, 12; HOSA 12; Latin Club 9, 10; VICA 10; JV Volleyball 10
Nic Lively — DECA 12; VICA 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12
Amber Lounsbery — Mixed Chorus 9; Concert Choir 10; Chorale 11, 12; SADD 10, 12; FBLA 10, 12; Pep Club 10; Spanish Club 10, 12
Alysha Luskey — Mixed Chorus 9; Concert Choir 10; Chorale 11, 12; DECA 11, 12; Swimming 9
Amanda Maine — DECA 11, 12; Pep Club 11, 12; VICA 10; Varsity Cheerleader 11
James Martin — Marching Band 9, 10
Hope McConnell — Science SWAC 9; Mixed Chorus 9; Concert Choir 10, 11; Chorale 12; SCA Steering Committee 10, 11, 12; SADD 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club 9, 10, 11; Pep Club 10, 11, 12; Interact 9, 10, 11, 12; Beta Club 11, 12; Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12
Tonia McCracken — Concert Choir 10, 11; Mixed Chorus 9; DECA 12; FHA 11, 12; HOSA 9
Taylor McInnis — SCA 9; Beta Club 11, 12; SADD 10; Art Club 10; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11; DECA 11, 12; Varsity Football 11, 12; JV Basketball 9; Varsity Basketball 10, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11
Allen Messer — VICA 10, 11, 12
Kristin Moody — Pep Club 9, 10; FCA 11, 12; SCA 12; Interact 12; JV Volleyball 9; Varsity Volleyball 10, 11, 12; Track 12
Heather Mullin — Yearbook 11; HOSA 9, 10, 11, 12; Latin Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11; Swimming 9, 10, 11
Josh Norman — Concert Choir 11, 12; DECA 11, 12
Stacie Oakes — DECA 11, 12; FHA 9, 10; Softball 10
Tony O'Dell — Math SWAC 11; Science SWAC 12; Marching Band 10, 11, 12; Concert Band 10, 11, 12; Jazz Ensemble 10; Mixed Chorus 9; Chorale 10, 11, 12; Beta Club 11, 12; SADD 12; FBLA 12; French Club 10, 11, 12; Latin Club 9; Pep Club 10, 12; FCA 9, 10, 11, 12
Travis Overholt — VICA 11, 12; Library Club 11, 12; Wrestling 12
Elizabeth Patterson — Mixed Chorus 9; Concert Choir 10, 11; Choral 12; Beta Club 11; SADD 10, 11; DECA 12; French Club 9, 10, 11, 12; History Club 11; Pep Club 10, 11, 12; JV Volleyball 9; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; JV Cheerleader 9; Varsity Cheerleader 10, 11
Aimee Perilloux — DECA 11, 12; Pep Club 12; Spanish Club 9, 10; JV Cheerleader 9; Varsity Cheerleader 10
Amanda Perkey — Art Club 12; DECA 11, 12; HOSA 9
Ben Pfountz — SADD 9; FBLA 11, 12; Science Club 9; Cross Country 10, 12; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12
Blair Pippin — Social Studies SWAC 10, 11, 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Jazz Ensemble 11, 12; Chorale 12; Beta Club 11, 12; SADD 10, 11; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12
Jason Preece — Newspaper 12; Yearbook 12; Beta Club 12; Art Club 11; Spanish Club 10; VICA 11, 12
Kelly Redden — Art Club 10; DECA 11, 12; HOSA 9; Spanish Club 11
Brooke Richardson — DECA 12; FBLA 12
Taurus Roberts
Tonya Roberts — DECA 12; FHA 10, 11; HOSA 10; VICA 10, 11
Valentin Rodriquez — DECA 11; Drama Club 11, 12; FBLA 11; Friends of the Library 11; Spanish Club 12
Jon Rogers — Science SWAC 9, 10, 11; Social Studies SWAC 12; All-Around SWAC 9, 10, 11, 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Jazz Ensemble 11, 12; Chorale 12; Forensics 11, 12; SCA 11; Beta Club 11, 12; History Club 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12
Jessica Salyer — Mixed Chorus 9; Concert Choir 10, 11; Chorale 12; SADD 9, 10, 11, 12; DECA 12; Pep Club 12; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11
Brandon Sanders — DECA 11, 12; FBLA 9; French Club 9, 10

















Teresangela Schiano — National Honor Society 11, 12; SADD 11; Pep Club 11, 12; Spanish Club 11, 12; Beta Club 11, 12

Latisha Sensabaugh — Mixed Chorus 12; Beta Club 11, 12; French Club 10, 11; VICA 10, 12; JV Basketball 9; Varsity Basketball 11; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; JV Cheerleader 9; HOSA 12

Kate Sewell — Beta Club 11, 12; SADD 10, 11, 12; Library Club 11, 12; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11; National Honor Society 11, 12; Cross Country 9

Jennifer Shanks — Math SWAC 12; Science SWAC 9, 10, 11; Mixed Chorus 9; Concert Choir 10, 11; Chorale 12; SCA 11, 12; Beta Club 11, 12; SADD 9, 10, 11, 12; Art Club 12; Pep Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Science Club 9; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Interact 9, 10, 11; Prom Committee 11; National Honor Society 11, 12

Adam Shields — Mixed Chorus 9; Chorale 10, 11, 12; SCA 11, 12; Beta Club 11, 12; Latin Club 9, 11; SADD 9, 10; Interact 11, 12; JV Basketball 9, 10; Varsity Basketball 11, 12; Tennis 10, 11, 12

Amanda Skeen — Mixed Chorus 9, 10; DECA 10, 11, 12; HOSA 10, 11

Karon Smith — Mixed Chorus 10; Concert Choir 11, 12; Varsity Football 9, 10, 11, 12; JV Basketball 9; Varsity Basketball 10, 11, 12; Baseball 11, 12; Track 9, 11, 12

Nick Smith

Tasha Sokolow — Yearbook 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 12; DECA 11, 12; FBLA 10

William Spiva

Shelley Straley — Yearbook 12; Newspaper 12; SADD 10; Art Club 10; DECA 11, 12; Latin Club 11, 12; Pep Club 11, 12; Interact 11, 12; Golf 9, 10, 11, 12; JV Cheerleader 9

Amanda Strong

Melanie Swiney — Mixed Chorus 10; Concert Choir 11; Chorale 12; Beta Club 11, 12; DECA 12; Spanish Club 10; National Honor Society 11, 12; JV Basketball 9, 10; Track 9, 10, 11, 12

Rusty Thornberry — Art Club 10, 11, 12; DECA 10, 12; Swimming 11, 12

Kent Thurston — Mixed Chorus 12; DECA 12; JV Basketball 9

Melanie Trichel — Art Club 10, 11; Library Club 11; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Varsity Basketball 9, 12; JV Basketball 10; JV Volleyball 9; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12

Nicole Trump — Mixed Chorus 9; Concert Choir 10; Beta Club 12; SADD 10, 11, 12; FBLA 12; Spanish Club 10; Interact Club 11

Andrea Uhrin — Newspaper 10, 11; Beta Club 11, 12; SADD 11, 12; DECA 12; Drama Club 12; Spanish Club 9, 11; Band 9; Interact 9

Eric Vaughn — SADD 9, 10, 12; DECA 12; History Club 12; Pep Club 9, 10, 12; Spanish Club 9, 10, 11, 12; JV Basketball 10; Cross Country 9, 10; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; Interact 11, 12

Jon Vermillion — DECA 12; SADD 11, 12; JV Football 9; Varsity Football 10, 11, 12; Soccer 9

Jack Wagner — Beta Club 12; Spanish Club 11, 12; JV Football 9; Varsity Football 10, 11, 12; Track 11; National Honor Society 11, 12

Aaron Walden — Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Jazz Ensemble 11, 12; Latin Club 10; Science SWAC 12; Swimming 10

Alex Walls — Mixed Chorus 9; Chorale 10, 11, 12; DECA 12; Interact 11, 12; Varsity Football 9, 10, 11, 12; JV Basketball 9; Cross Country 9, 10; Track 9, 10; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

Ben Walls — Beta Club 11, 12; SADD 10, 11; Art Club 10; DECA 12; FBLA 11; Spanish Club 10, 11; JV Basketball 9; Cross Country 9; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12

Camie Weaver — SADD 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10; VICA 10, 11, 12; Interact 11; Prom Committee 11

April White — Math SWAC 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Beta Club 11, 12; FBLA 9, 11, 12

Glen Williams — English SWAC 9, 10, 11, 12; Mixed Chorus 10; Chorale 11, 12; Forensics 9, 11, 12; Newspaper 11; Thespian Society 9, 10, 11, 12; Art Club 12; Drama 9, 10, 11, 12; Tapestry 11, 12

Travis Williams — FHA 9; VICA 10; DECA 11, 12; FBLA 11

Crystal Wolfe — FBLA 11, 12; VICA 10, 11; DECA 11, 12

Jesse Woody — Art Club 10; DECA 12; Wrestling 9; Swimming 10, 11

Adam Wright — DECA 11, 12; FBLA 9; Spanish Club 9; VICA 10, 12; JV Basketball 10; Cross Country 9; Baseball 11, 12; Track 9

Tiffany Wright — Mixed Chorus 9; Concert Choir 10; FBLA 11, 12; HOSA 11; SADD 12

Jennifer Yates — DECA 12; FHA 10, 11, 12; VICA 10, 11

Jason York — Science SWAC 12; Social Studies SWAC 9, 10; Beta Club 11, 12; FBLA 10, 11, 12; History Club 10, 12; Latin Club 9, 10, 11, 12



















Most Studious

Jennifer Shanks - "Jason's continuous dedication to each area of study has enabled him to excel in academics. Making it in the business world should come easily for Jason due to his love of work and high degree of vitality."

Jason York - "Jennifer is a punctual individual as well as diligent who exhibits many commendable personality traits."

Best Personality

Amy Dorton - "Adam is a great guy and a great friend. He's always someone you can lean on and is there to cheer you up. He's always smiling and in a good mood."

Adam Shields - "Amy's personality is a reflection of what is inside her. She is extremely sweet, friendly, funny, intelligent, and is most deserving of this honor."



A Final Farewell - The members of the Senior class take a group picture before the Senior Luncheon. This year's Senior Luncheon was held at the Country Club of Bristol.

We Love Plaid!!! - Senior girls gather together at a VHS Pep Rally for the V-T week. VHS won the V-T game this year and pumped up the students for the rest of the football season.



Camera Shy

Seniors

Armitage, Crystal
Blair, Christy
Casteel, Matt
Duncan, Jesse
Dunkleman, Joseph
Eaton, Richard
Edwards, Paul
Greer, Karen
Hill, Isaac
Isaacs, Jeremy
Justice, Anthony
Neal, Jamill
Spiva, Amanda
Wine, Angel
Woody, Jesse

Juniors

Blair, Kristy
Carter, Terrance
Corey, Sonja
Cox, Brad
Dowell, Gabriel
Ellis, Willie
Felty, Chris
Gibson, Wendi
Leonard, C.A.
Love, Jackie
Lowe, Larry
McConnell, Carrie
McNulty, Makenzie
Paust, Nicia
Phillips, Roscoe
Poole, Martha
Richardson, Brooke
Riley, Sawyer
Surber, Daniel
Wilson, Kacy

Sophomores

Ball, Travis
Barbarow, Daphney
Bays, Jeremy
Branch, Brittany
Breeding, Travis
Brooks, Roger
Cartwright, Laura
Chapman, Daniel
Clark, Khadija
Cox, Calvin
Ellis, John
Frank, Dean
Gorley, Rhonda
Harris, Brandon
Howard, Donna
Jones, Lauren
Leonard, Christopher
Lester, Casey
Love, Wes
Lowe, Anthony
Oliver, Christopher
Patrick, Daniel
Shaffer, Christopher
Stamey, Shelly
Steele, Darin
Tester, Joseph
Wagner, Jamie
Whorton, James
Wright, Brooke
Yavny, Ludmila

Freshmen

Armitage, Jon
Ball, Brandy
Bloomer, Cecil
Bowe, Shannon
Crowe, Jason
Durbin, David
Edwards, Adrian
Eller, Shannon
Fields, Crystal
Gilley, Natasha
Grigsby, Rebecca
Hartley, Harold
Jackson, Travis
Johnson, Chad
Kennedy, Rodney
Kreeger, Christopher
Lane, William
Lewis, Matthew
Meade, Crystal
Osborne, David
Patrick, Justin
Phillips, April
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Roach, Eric
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Smith, Carolyn
Walker, Randall
Wells, Scott



Queens of the Class



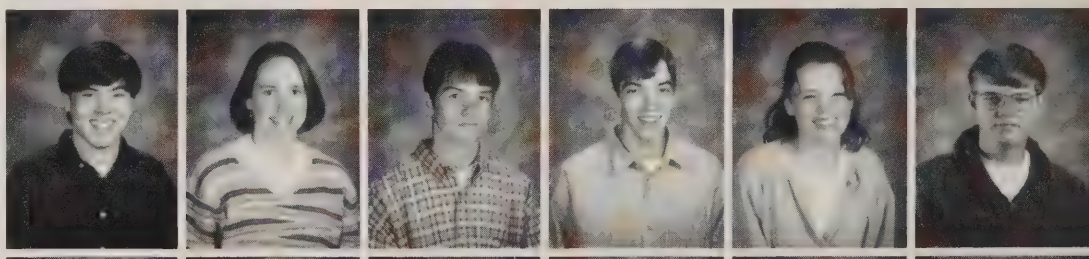
Class Officers - Bottom Row: Melanie Young- Treasurer, Heather Hicks- Secretary, Ashley Moss, Vice-President; Top Row: Jessica Lee - Reporter, Kacey Wilson - President



A Real Card - Math instructor, Mrs. Wanda Bays is caught by surprise by the school photographer as she attempts to help junior Sheri Carter with an assignment.



Adams, Jimmy
Alley, Kristen
Almany, John
Armstrong, Adam
Arnold, Amber
Bagnall, Seth



Baker, Robert
Berry, Leanne
Black, Angela
Blaylock, Brooke
Boardwine, Vickie
Boord, Heather



Bowman, Alyson
Bramlette, Jennifer
Branson, Bobby
Brooks, Michael
Burke, Chastity
Burnette, Holly



Burnette, Kim
Burress, Nichole
Campbell, Brittiany
Campbell, Mindy
Canter, Joey
Carter, Sheri



Cartwright, David
Chapman, David
Cody, Danielle
Coleman, Shabazz
Corum, Leslie
Corvin, Brandon

Cumbow, Sarah
Davidson, Toni
Dean, Philana
Decker, Tracy
Dehart, Jessica
Dellinger, Brian

Dickert, George
Dunn, Ryan
Dutton, Noah
Edson, Candace
Fetters, Daniel P.
Flannagan, Kevin

Fleenor, Blakely
Fleenor, Susan
Fleenor, Timothy
Ford, Laura
Ford, Shane
Forrest, Jack

Goins, Marcus
Goodson, Jack
Gramling, John
Grogan, Jessica
Hagy, Brent
Halim, Moneka

Hall, Kathryn
Harrison, David
Harrison, Tiffany
Healy, Jamie
Hicks, Heather
Hilliard, Billy

Huggins, Amanda
Hughes, David
James, Adama
Jessee, Matthew
Jones, Carmen
Jones, Dale

Juniors play their cards right and win with the classes they take.

Jacks of All Trades



Workin' Hard- Juniors Jack Goodson, Adam Armstrong, and Brent Hagy do a group work assignment in English. The English teachers let students work together in groups on some assignments such as answering questions about in class reading assignments.

This year's junior class, the Class of 1999, is special in that we have the privelege of being the last class to graduate from Virginia High School in the current millenium.

Jeb Rohr

Class of 1999

Measure twice cut once- Keith Fleenor, junior, works a board on a power tool in woodshop. Students learned the basics of wood work using hand tools and power





Kidd, Troy
Kim, Rosa
King, Kevin
King, Sarah
Kirk, Tyler
Landrum, Angie

Lawson, Christy
Lee, Jessica
Luskey, Jake
Majstorovic, Adnana
Martin, Adam

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Matney, Jonathan
Maxfield, Jesse
Mays, Jennifer
McClellan, Matthew
McDonald, Seth
Monroe, Emily

Jeb Rohr



Moore, Thomas
Morris, Lisa Ann
Moss, Ashley
Mullins, Dustin
Mulumba, Jeanpierre
Mumpower, Michael Ray



Musgrove, Jack Aaron
Neese, Larry
Newton, Kanika
Norton, Justin
Norton, Joshua
Oliver, Chancelor



Oliver, Tia J.
Pauley, Forrest
Payne, C. Travis
Peck, Jeff
Pender, Jessica
Peters, Richard



Philbrick, Clint
Pippin, Amanda
Powers, Tommy
Rainero, Mitch
Rainero, Steven
Ramey, Matthew



Rasnake, Jason
Reed, April
Rhea, David
Roberts, Ben
Robinson, Scott
Rohr, Jeb



Rouse, Angela
Sanders, Karen
Sensky, Morgan
Senter, Suzanne
Shaffer, Michael
Sherwood, Beth



Sims, Lea
Smith, Elizabeth
Smith, John David
Stanley, Christina
Staton, Travis
Stinnet, Carmen

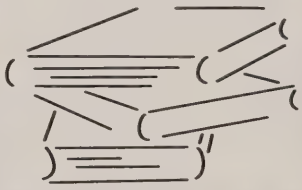
Jeb Rohr

FACE DOWN

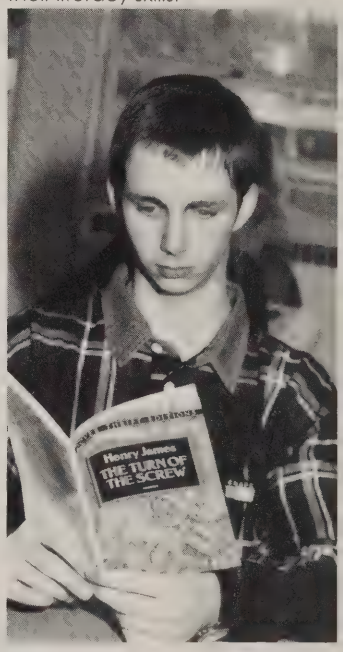


HOPEFULLY THIS WILL WORK!- Junior Joey Canter works in Automotive Technology while fellow junior Tommy Powers and instructor Mr. Ramey admire the job. Most juniors balance out their mostly academic schedules with some vocational classes.

"Where academic classes have strict guidelines, vocational classes let me express my ideas with a hands-on approach."
Seth McDonald



A REAL PAGE TURNER- Junior David Rhea reads a play for English class while sitting in Study Hall. Most juniors have a required reading each six-weeks to improve their literacy skills.



Stophel, Brad
Summerson, Cameron
Surber, Jennifer
Tauscher, Jonathan
Taylor, Cassandra
Testerman, Philip



Thurston, Courtney
Tobey, Aaron
Tolley, Amy
Turner, Sherika
Wheeler, Matthew
Whicker, Brandy



Whicker, Candy
Whiteaker, Chris
Yavny, Ludmila
Yavny, Ruslan
Young, Genessa
Young, Melanie



ROYAL FLUSH



Class Officers - President Jordan Pennington, Vice President Kristy Joris, Secretary Cassie Carden, Treasurer Lashwn Johnson, Reporter Erin Lucas.

What would you like to see change about our school?

"I would like to see more students participate in school spirit".

Kristy Joris

Thumbing Through It - Sophomore Adam Vaughn looks up a word in the dictionary in the library.





Alva, Steven
Anderson, Lindsi
Anderson, Nicholas
Arnold, Amy
Barnett, Reid
Battum, Janette

Blackley, Sarah
Bledsoe, Will
Boone, Matt
Boyd, James
Branson, Justin
Braswell, Josh

Brewer, Michael
Brooks, Joey
Brown, Carl
Bunche, Moneka
Byington, Keegan
Canter, Adam

Carden, Cassie
Carrier, Miranda
Chapman, Lisa
Clark, Khadija
Combs, Buddy

Shuffling the Deck



A **Cut Above the Rest**- Sophomore Steven Alva measures for accuracy in a wood tech assignment. Precision is a key element in designing and preparing projects for various vocational classes

What will vocational classes offer you in the future?

"It will offer you a chance to learn the skills you will need in the future. Also it will give you a better chance of getting a job or into a college. Abother thing is you will be able to do things on your own.

Steven Alva

The Name has it - Sophomore Anthony Lowe places a teachers nameplate on their door. Vocational classes allow students to do many hands-on activities.



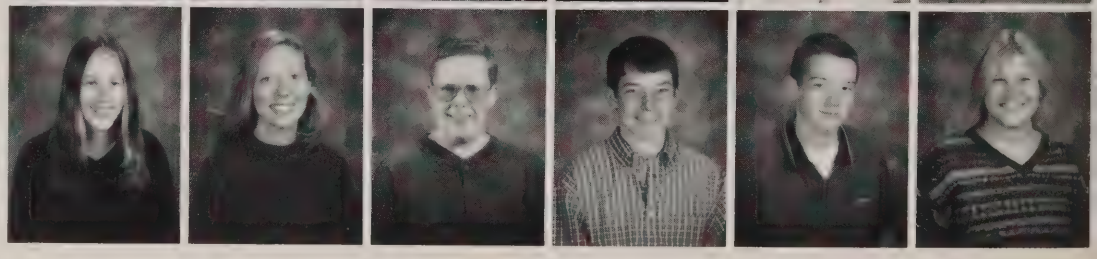
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Cunningham, Shawn



Dean, Candi
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Evans, Leigh
Falante, Jacqleen
Fletcher, Shawn



Foster, Lindsey
Frazier, Misty
Freemon, Justin
Friend, John
Gemmell, Parker
Gill, Jessica





Gillespie, Sonja
Ginther, Katie
Goddell, Michael
Gorley, Rhonda
Greer, Robert
Hackney, Joshua



Hagy, Pam
Halstead, Holly
Harper, Shelly
Harrington, Sarah
Helton, Ashley
Hicks, Austin



Hill, Teddy
Homes, David
Hooker, Joey
Horner, Rynnie
James, Alex
Johnson, Lashawn



Jones, Matt
Joris, Kristy
Kirkpatrick, Tim
Lash, April
Lawson, Misty
Leonard, Suellen



Leonard, Scott
Lewis, Robert
Li, Danny
Litton, Issac
Littleton, Joshua
Lockett, Terrell



Lucas, Erin
Marrone, April
Martin, Eran
Martin, Javan
Matney, Shannon
McCloud, Brent



McCready, Amber
McInnis, Michael
Meade, David
Meade, Natalie
Merrit, Jessica
Millard, Kevin

Deal With It



Portrait of An Artist - Sophomore Eran Martin chooses which colors to use in his pastel project for Art II. Using pastels was just one of many highlights of Art II for students.

"Gym class gives me the opportunity to relieve my stress from my difficult classes."

Paige Smith

CLASS OF 2000

Steady Does It- Sophomore Paige Smith practice her balance-beam skills with the help of gym teacher Mrs. Baker. Gymnastics was a required part of tenth grade physical education..



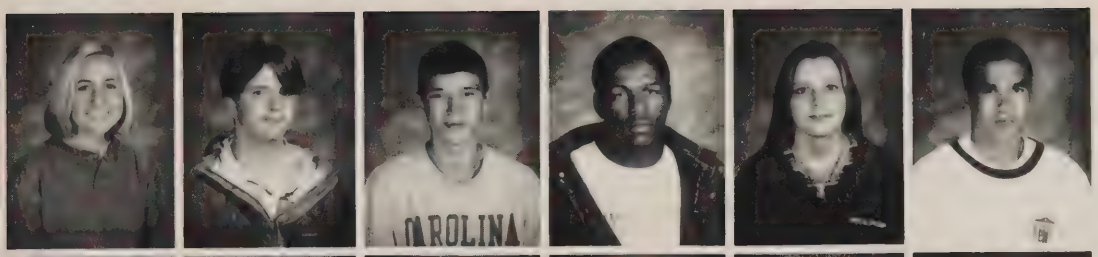
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Peters, Jared



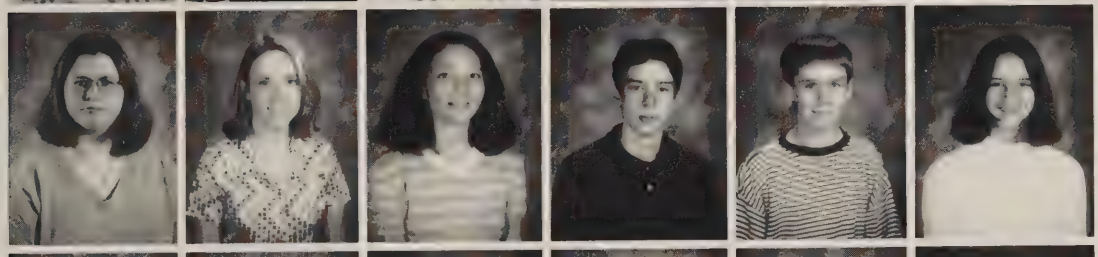
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Renfro, Susan
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Richmond, Landon
Roberts, Britni
Roberts, Shaun



Roig, Crystal
Ross, Sandy
Rowe, Jessica
Schiano, Elena
Schneider, Daniel
Shaffer, Tracy



Shelton, Amanda
Shortt, April
Simmons, Milleda
Simmons, Mitchell
Smiley, Chris
Smith, Angelique



Smith, Katheleen
Smith, Paige
Smith, Ruth Ann
Sowho, Sherell
Stine, Rachel
Teaster, Tracy



Thomas, Alana
Tipton, Sarah
Valdez, Jason
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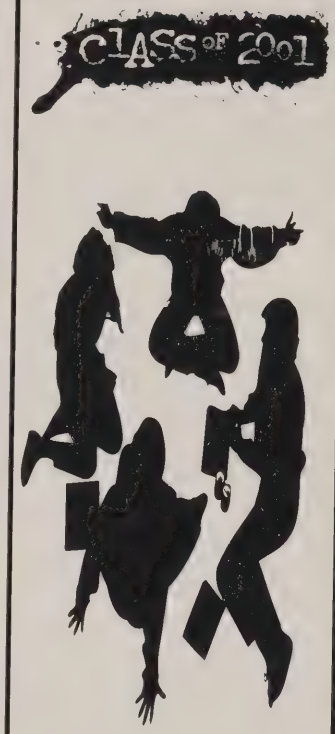


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Wygal, Matthew
Young, Josh
Zhang, Xiu

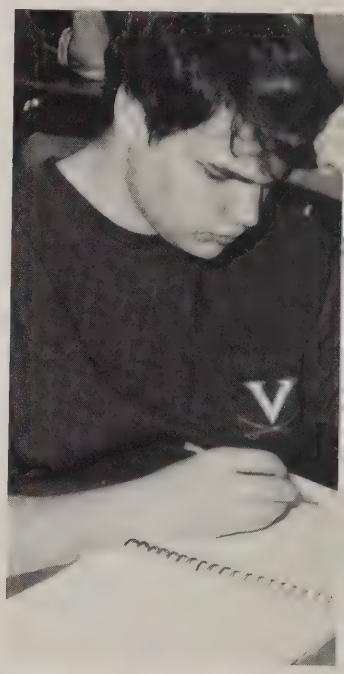
The Royal Flush



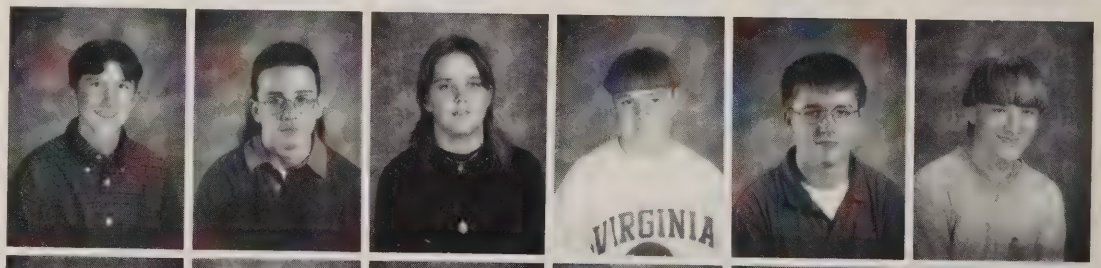
Class Officers- From right to left: Robert Kieffer - Vice-President, Stephanie Hairston - President, John Harvey - Secretary, Deona Fields - Reporter, and Wes Delaney - Treasurer.



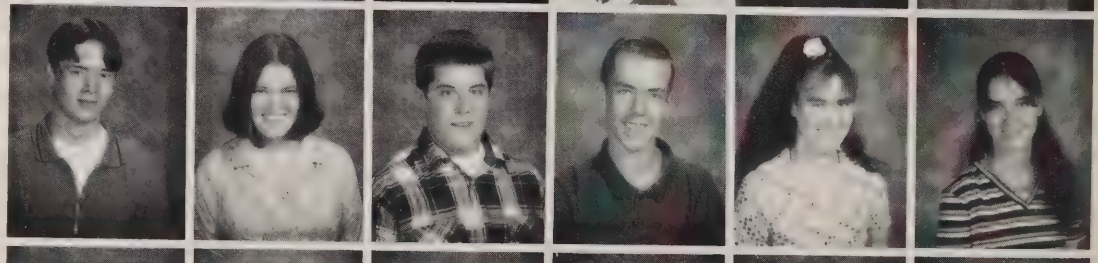
The Thinker?- Freshman Robert Kieffer is hard at work in Mr. Mitchell's World History class. Notetaking is essential for making good grades in this class.



Adams, Buddy
Alexander, Joshua
Almaroad, Lucinda
Arnold, Ben
Arnold, Devin
Arnold, Joshua



Atwood, Craig
Beaver, Jessica
Belcher, Andrew
Blackwell, Michael
Blair, Karen
Blair, Sharon



Blankenship, Casey
Blaylock, Amanda
Blevins, Matt
Bolling, Nicole
Bondurant, Jeremy
Bowman, Andrew





Brooks, Chris
Browning, Lindsay
Bryan, Josh
Burress, Melissa
Bushwack, Melissa
Callahan, Keri



Campbell, Maggie
Camper, Chad
Canter, Beth
Carter, Tiffany
Chapman, Victoria
Childress, Dave



Christein, Lindsay
Coleman, Terry
Combs, Nicole
Culberston, Harlon
Davenport, Jason
Davis, Eric



Davis, Sharon
Deangelo, Brook
Dennis, Hope
Doane, Jessica
Dulaney, Weston
Duncan, Adam



Edwards, Wade
Emmert, Sarah
Fields, Deonna
Foster, April
Franks, Kaleena
Frazier, Josh



Fugate, Rachel
Garrett, Natasha
Gasbarri, Joseph
Gibbs, Sheree
Gibson, Israel
Glover, Nikki



Gourley, Maggie
Gragg, Brandie
Graninger, Bonnie
Grubb, Ashley
Gumm, Frank James
Hagy, Timothy

Lending a Helping Hand



A Guiding Light - Freshmen Steven Hamrick receives help from his interpreter, Mrs. Williams, with his math assignment. Mant times teachers put forth an extra effort to help students when they are having difficulty in an specific academic area.

"Extending the school day for some students is necessary since one-on-one is a better way for some students to learn than in a group setting"

Rose Schlatter
English Instructor

Just "Doo" It - Senior B rendo Allen and freshmen Carissa Hughes work on freshmen Ajeena James' hair during Cosmetology class. Students try to get as much hands- on experience as possible by practicing on fellow students



Hairston, Stephanie
Hale, Bobbie
Hale, Richard
Hamrick, Stephen
Harrison, Benjamin
Harvey, John



Hatcher, Sham
Hay, Mary
Hayter, Samantha
Heath, Jessica
Hernandez, Natalie
Hicks, Brian



Hill, Joe
Hounshell, Andrew
Huffman, Corey
Hughes, Aja
Hughes, Alaina
Hughes, Carissa





Hughes, Taylor
Jackson, Antonio
Jackson, Christopher
Jackson, Zandrea
Jones, Eulis
Jones, Isinah

Jones, Jason
Jones, Lee
Justice, Amanda
Kieffer, Robert
Lash, Michael
Lawson, Jessica Renee

Lawson, Leigh Ann
Lawson, Meredith
Leonard, Jonathon
Leonard, Laura Rae
Lockett, Jamal
Logan, Heather Reane

Lowe, Albert Lee
Lucas, David Lee
Mays, Emily Beth
McAllister, Jacob
McDavid, Rachel Dee
McElroy, Grayson

McNutt, Amber
Montgomery, Scott
Moore, Andrew Justin
Moore, Brandon Lee
Moore, Jonathan
Morgan, Joshua Eugene

Morris, Blakley Aaron
Morrison, Chris
Murray, Chrissie
Murray, Jessica
Musick, Joshua Harlan
Newton, Ayana

Nophlin, Erica Anne
Palmer, James
Pfountz, Matthew
Pippin, Charlie
Proulex, Jennifer

Freshmen are eager to adjust to their new lives at Virginia High.

New Deal



Deep Thoughts- Freshmen Jonathon Moore and Brett Stringer work diligently on a lab in their Earth Science class. Labs help students to visually learn about science.

" Latin is my favorite class because it challenges my mind. "

Jamaal Lockett

Pick Me! Pick Me! I Know!- Freshman Leslie Scott raises her hand to answer a question during Spanish class. Class participation is a big part of the student's grade.



Puckett, Jessica
Puglisi, Michael
Ratcliff, Lindsey
Ratliff, Allison
Reed, Richard
Rhymer, Amanda



Roark, Billy
Roark, Brian
Roe, Michael
Rose, Derek
Rosenbaum, William
Russell, Josie



Sanslow, Kent
Scott, Leslie
Scott, Vincent
Self, Adam
Shaffer, Jeremy
Shields, Kathryn



Shockley, Allison
Shuler, Josh
Slagle, Teddy
Slagle, Tiffany
Smith, Allison
Smith, Emily



Smith, Terry
Sokolow, Joshua
Somerville, Erica
Sproles, Bradley
Stallard, Michael
Stanley, Ashley



Stanley, Danny
Statzer, Jeremie
Stout, Jeremiah
Stringer, Bret
Strouth, Valerie
Stuart, Yolanda



Tauscher, Lisa
Taylor, Jason
Triplett, Brittany
Turnmire, Terence
Walling, Will
Walls, Sarah



Whitley, Bobby Sue
Widner, William
Wilkinson, Josh
Wilson, Jarrod
Wilson, Josh
Worley, Robert



Wright, Brian
Yavny, Sveta



Annette Acuff



Sharon Acuff



Wanda Bays



Patricia Baker



Roya Blakenship



Diane Bowman



Annette Cochran



Anna Combs



Bronwyn Cowell



Ed Cressel



Mark Daniels



Lisa Dean



Ann Evans



Eileen Garner



Darlene Halstead



Dawn Hancock



Sonja Holcomb



Eddie Icenhour



Ann Jones



Linda Kristofek



Sue Melkowski



Joan Minnick



Frank Mitchell



Dale Morrell



Wanda Morris



Joan Mullin



Ray Osborne



Carol Propst



Patsy Ratliff



Richard Rollins



Maxine Sams



Rose Schlatter



Lucy Seaver



Sue Shaw



Diane Thomas



Patricia Williams

CAMERA SHY

Ronnie Collins
Delores Douglas
Cynthia Drozdowski
Eloise Hite
Sharon Johnson
Nan Jones
Mike Locke
Linda McClanahan
John Melvin
Stuart Minnick
Janet Nunley
Kristin Palmer
Brian Quakenbush
Alex Ramey
Stan Shoun
Linda Siegel
Nancy Simmons
Lynn Taylor
Robert Taylor
Alec Todt
Nancy Whitley



And the Band Played On - The Symphonic band played the traditional Pomp and Circumstance as the seniors processed into the gymnasium to receive their diplomas.

The Last Moment Together- The Class of 1998 gather together one last time to watch each other receive their diploma from Virginia High School.







A Switch of the Tassle - Vice Principal Donna Hale has the privilege opportunity to congratulate them on their achievment of graduating from high school.



A Helping Hand-Ms. Darla Wiiliams aids senior Bobby Branson with his tie. Teachers and adminstrators are on hand to help the seniors before they proceed to the gym for their processional..

Co-Valedictorian Jamie Butcher recited a tear-filled speech that left many of the students, teachers, administration, members of the school board and parents pondering on their years of high school and the many memories that they left behind. In Butcher's speech she spoke of the importance of letting those who have influenced your life know of their achievements.

The 1998 Graduation ceremony was filled with moments of remembrance, memories of unforgettable friendships and acknowledgements to those who had worked so hard to get to this point.

Dr. Stapleton, Superintendent of Instruction, gave an uplifting speech to the seniors about their position in society and their duties as now members of the working class.

As the seniors walked across the gymnasium floor to receive their diplomas many eyes in the house were blurred with stained tears that reflected the memories that had been made during their high school days. Parents, teachers and others lameneted over the seniors accomplishments and thought of the bright futures that they were to have in their life.



A Proud Moment - Senior Brenda Allen is congratulated by Superintendent Dr. Idanna Aaron as she crooses the floor to receive her diploma.

Friends Forever - Senior Conor Davidson assists one of his friends, Elizabeth Patterson, with her cap. This was a moment for friends to help each other and to congratulate each other on their accomplishments







A Time to Reflect - Seniors Scott Ellis, Jack Wagner, and Frank Goodpasture speak to their English instructor Carol Propst as they await their time to leave for the gymnasium.

Together Forever - Seniors Stacie Oakes and Kelly Redden smile for the camera one last time as students of Virginia High. Graduation is one of the major highlights of students during their high school years.

The Final Game

Seniors say goodbye and good luck



Co-Valedictorian
Jon Rogers



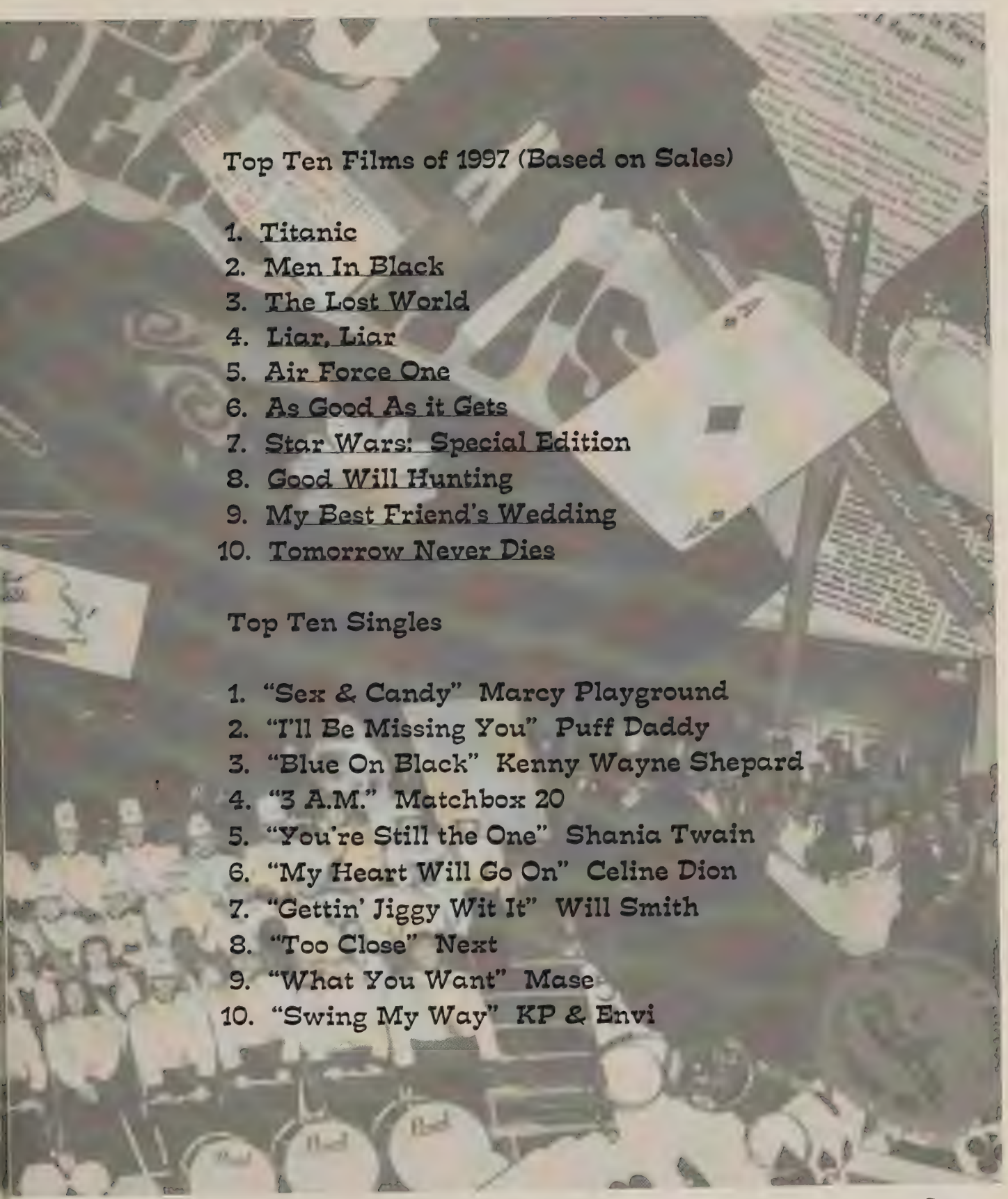
Class President
Jennifer Shanks

The night was filled with many inspirational speeches from a variety of speakers. Among these were Jon Rogers and Jennifer Shanks who spoke to their classmates about all of the bright futures that await each of them and gave their encouragement in pursuing their life time goals.



Class of 1998

Bethany Paige Addison
Brenda Lee Allen
Danny Eugene Almond Jr.
Chad Jeromy Archer
Crystal Marie Armitage
Scottie Wayne Ashley
Karen Sue Barnes
Jonathan Blackley
Andrew Michael Blair
Kristy Alise Blair
Earl W. Blaylock
Nathan Travis Blevins
Bobby Franklin Branson
Robert Kyle Bressler
Cinnamon Lea Brewer
Sarah Elaine Brooks
Brantley Preston Bullock
Krista Amber Burnette
Jamie Gail Butcher
Leslie J. Byington
Jonathan E. Cannon
Kevin W. Carmody
John Rex Carter
Matt L. Casteel
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Leigh Anne Colson
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Robert James Connell
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Bryan Chadwick Cope
Angelia Nichole Cox
Joshua Aaron Creger
Alyson Leigh Cross
Ginger Crowe
Jeremy Todd Cumbow
Jeremy Conor Davison
LaVonda Denise Davis
Patty Davis
Vivian Leigh Davis
Amy Nicole Dorton
April Leigh Doss
Cherith Ann Dugger
Jesse Lee Duncan
Paul Nathan Edwards
Linda Dannielle Eller
Scott D. Ellis
Stephanie Leigh Everhart
Joseph V. Fields
Eliabeth Jean Fleenor
Amy Michelle Francis
Allison Denise Freeman
Matthew Shane Gibson
Elise V. Goliday
Frank Goodpasture IV
Magdalena Ewa Gradkowska
Karyn Leigh Greer
Brian Jason Griffin
Melissa Marie Grove
Robert Lynn Groves, Jr.
Jodi Janell Hafen
Joseph Isac Hale
Amanda Hale
Cortney Janine Hall
Derrek Wade Hall
Brandon L. Harris
David Seth Hartsock
Ashley Noelle Helton
Isaac Hill
Carmen Paige Hobson
Jonathan Thomas Holbrook
Clayborne W. Hughes
Natalka Candace Hughes
Robin Clarissa Hughes
Jonathan Grant Hustad
Christian M. Iwainsky
Audra Diane Johnson
Nathan Ryan Johnson
Amanda Elizabeth Smith Jones
Anthony Bryan Justice, Jr.
Lauren Ashley Kearfott
Benjamin David King
Benjamin Michael Lester
Karen Lynn Lewis
Nicholas Wade Lively
Amber LeaEllen Lounsberry
Alysha Cadine Luskey
Amanda Marie Maine
James Allen Martin
Joshua Stephen McAllister
Mary Hope McConnell
Tonia Marie McCracken
Taylor B. McInnis
Kristen Heather Moody
Heather Nicole Attia Mullin
Jamill V. Neal
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Tonya Marie Roberts
Valentin Rodriquez, Jr.
Jonathan David Rogers
Jessica Erin Salyer
Brandon J. Sanders
Teresangela Schiano
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Kathleen Cleveland Sewell
Jennifer Diane Shanks
Jonathan Adam Shields
Amanda Leigh Skeen
Karon Joseph Smith
Nick Smith
Tasha Nicole Sokolow
William Andrew Spiva
Shelley Anne Straley
Amanda Lynn Strong
Melanie Marie Swiney
Ivan Russell Thornberry IV
Richard Kent Thurston
Melanie Myers Trichel
Nichole Elaine Trump
Andrea Jane Uhrin
Eric Lee Vaughn
Jonathon Clark Vermillion
Jack Leach Wagner III
David Aaron Walden
Benjamin David Walls
Herschel Alexander Walls
Camie Elizabeth Weaver
April Leora White
Carl Glenwood Williams
Travis Lee Williams
Crystal Dawn Wolfe
Jesse D. Woody
Adam Lee Wright
Tiffany Meghan Wright
Jennifer M. Yates
Jason David York



Top Ten Films of 1997 (Based on Sales)

1. Titanic
2. Men In Black
3. The Lost World
4. Liar, Liar
5. Air Force One
6. As Good As it Gets
7. Star Wars: Special Edition
8. Good Will Hunting
9. My Best Friend's Wedding
10. Tomorrow Never Dies

Top Ten Singles

1. "Sex & Candy" Marcy Playground
2. "I'll Be Missing You" Puff Daddy
3. "Blue On Black" Kenny Wayne Shepard
4. "3 A.M." Matchbox 20
5. "You're Still the One" Shania Twain
6. "My Heart Will Go On" Celine Dion
7. "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It" Will Smith
8. "Too Close" Next
9. "What You Want" Mase
10. "Swing My Way" KP & Envi

Rules of the Game

VHS

Plays as a Team!

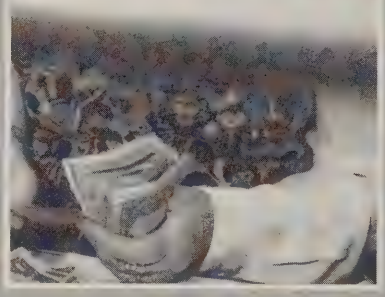
WHAT IT TAKES!

It takes serious hard work, plenty of time, extra effort, and team work to keep a high school running good. The administration at Virginia High School and it's support staff have been working together now for two years, trying to make VHS a better school for current and future students.

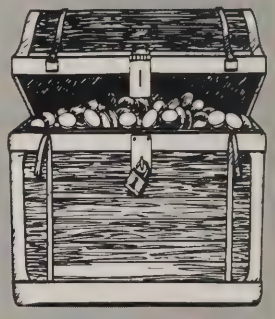
Dr. Sessoms, Mr. Hurley, and Mrs. Hale, the administration, have shared certain duties such as disciplinary efforts, safety precautions, and setting **rules** and regulations, among other things. While people like Mrs. Jones, the accountant, Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Halstead, and Mrs. Morris, the secretaries, and Mrs. Saunders and Mr. Barrett, the librarians, work on projects such as the book keeping, attendance, answering phones and parents' questions, managing and providing a library for students, teachers, and administrators to use.

The combined efforts **of** all these people help keep VHS running smoothly for all **the** students and faculty. This team effort will make the **game** of administration easier for all who participate.





Lady in the Cage - Mrs. Jones, the school accountant, keeps track of all the funds for VHS and any clubs or organizations that require her expert assistance. As the VHS accountant, Mrs. Jones pays bills, withdraws and deposits money into certain accountants, and balances the school budget, among many other functions that fall into the category of accountant.





Planning Time Wisely - Mrs. Saunders, one of our librarians, works on organizing the calendar and assigning time in the computer lab for classes that need it.



Taking A Break - Mrs. Farmer relaxes in the Guidance Office, taking a break from such activities as scheduling classes, helping seniors apply to colleges, and counseling other students on various issues.

Checking Up - Principal Dr. Sessoms helps keep VHS running smoothly by continuously checking up on students, teachers, and learning new information that will improve the high school.



Tricks Of The Trade - Vice Principal Mrs. Hale has learned the little tricks that help administrators do their job, one of them is the rule: Always refer to the handbook.







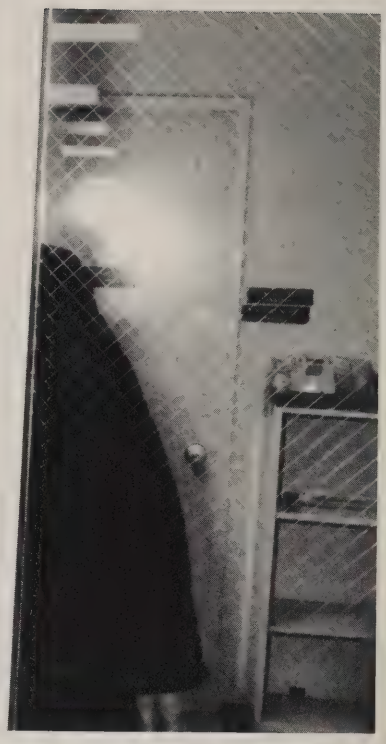
Behind the Scenes - VHS's two secretaries, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Halstead, help keep the high school running every day, by doing such things as answering phones, checking students in and out, and other jobs.

Relaxing Before the Big Day - Dr. Sessoms takes a break and relaxes at the cheerleading picnic before the first day of school. Dr. Sessoms was very busy preparing for the 1998-99 school year.

DEDICATION

MR. PAUL HURLEY/ASST. PRINCIPAL





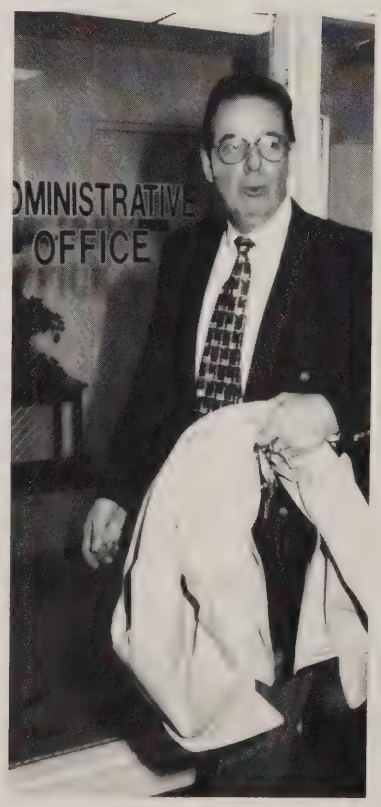
Mr. Paul Hurley has been an administrator at Virginia High School for 22 glorious years and still enjoys every minute of it.

Mr. Hurley was born and raised here in Bristol, Virginia. He was a graduate of Virginia High School in 1959. He then attended East Tennessee State University, where he received his undergraduate and masters degree.

PH, which is what many students refer to him, believes his strength as an administratoris "trying to be fair and listen to both sides of the story." He also believes the most important factor is to "Listen to the student and their concerns."

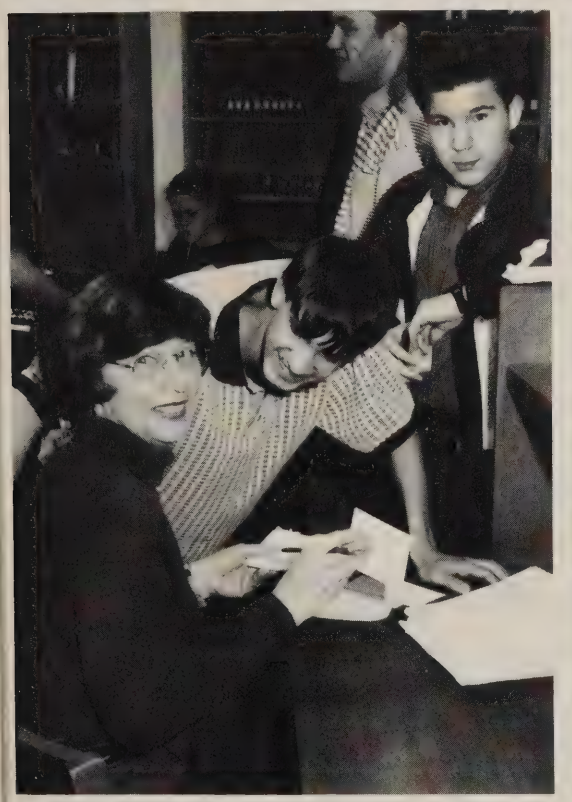
Mr. Hurley has been in both Academic and Vocational Departments. When asked which he enjoyed more, "Both are interesting and important factors in our school," he replied. Some changes he would make here at Virginia High, "I would try to keep students in school, because without education you flonder the rest of your life.

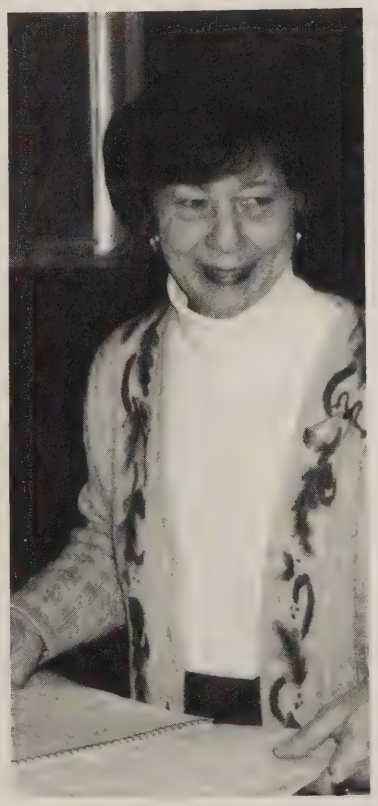
Justin Norton











Mrs. Acuff

How long have you taught at Virginia High? 33 years

Where did you attend high school and college?
Graduate: Loyall Kentucky High School
B.A.: Radford University
M.A.: East Tennessee State University

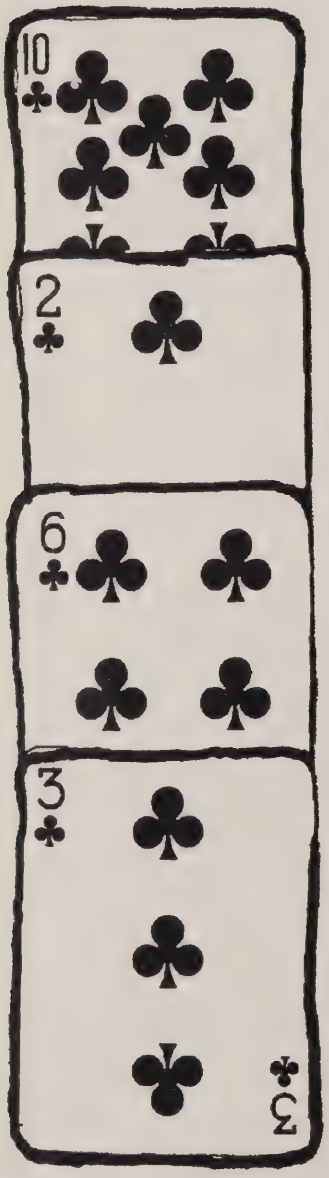
What were your majors/minors in college?
Majors: English, Psychology
Minor: History

What has been your most rewarding teaching experience at Virginia High? My most rewarding teaching experience always has been knowing those students who love to read and watching them in that exciting process of becoming Man Thinking (Emerson's term, of course). My greatest horror, although you didn't ask, is finding some who boast that they have never read a book. What other purpose is there for a rainy day?

What would you be doing if you were not teaching? I can't imagine this fully, but it is fun, however, to think about options. Of course, my life-long interest in psychology gets first consideration; maybe I could write a book on the psychological value of reading ... on a rainy day. Perhaps I could take up tickets at a Broadway theater or assist the chef at Windows on the World. Is there any call for a full-time listener of jazz and blues or perhaps a reader to determine the best seller list for *The New York Times?* These may be interesting options, but I want to remain a teacher. VHS students are the greatest!

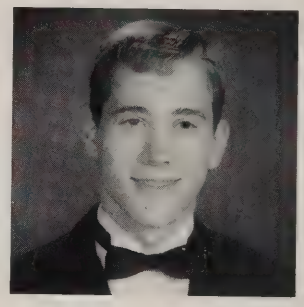
DEDICATION

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Virginia High School offers a wide variety of clubs to participate in. StuDents get involved to spend more time with their friends, be involvEd in their community, And to broaden their horizons. Many of our cLubs here at VHS work in community service projects; such as adopting faMilies, Christmas angEls, and food drives.

The clubs are also involved in many school activities including sponcoring dances, decorating the hallways for big events, nominating candIdates to walk for Homecoming, and participating iN school politics.



Senior Jon Blackley's artwork was chosen to display on the Senior Luncheon invitations. He has been an active member of the Art Club for four years.

VHS has 24 clubs.

23% of Virginia High Students belong to at least one club.

19% of Virginia High Students belong to two or more clubs.



LATIN CLUB 1st row-Mrs. Blankenship, Allen Whitner, Natalie Meade, Jason Davenport 2nd row-Shelly Harper, Suellen Leonard, Misty Frazier, Buddy Adams, Paige Smith, Leigh Evans, Daniel Schneider, Amber McCready, Larry Neese 3rd row-Elena Schiano, Audra Foran, Forrest Pauly, Scott Leonard, Kenny Sanslow, Christy Lawson, Heather Mullin, Matt Phonte, Todd Rosenbalm 4th row-Sandra Ross, Pam Hagy, Erin Lucas, Shelly Straley



Candace Hughes, C.J. Bloomer, Laura Leonard, Maggie Campbell, Jason York



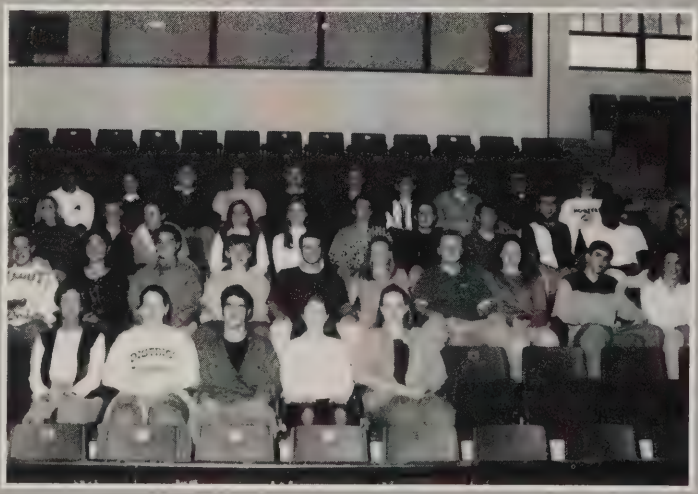
FRENCH CLUB 1st row-Frank Goodpasture, Andrew Blair, Cherith Dugger, Nicole Clevenger, Mrs. Garner 2nd row-Vivian Davis, Rebecca Hay, Kari Callnan, Jessica Puckett, Brittany Triplett, Katie Shields, Keegan Byington 3rd row-Tony O'Dell, Hope Schockley, Sawyer Riley, Elizabeth Patterson, Stevan Rainero, Kristy Joris, David Meade 4th row-Jeb Rohr, Carl Brown, Christy Stanley, Cassie Carden, Reid



Barnett, Daivd Meade, Patty Davis 5th row-Melissa Gorve, Jessica Grogan, Sheri Carter, Adam Martin



SPANISH CLUB 1st row-Mrs. Johnson, Melanie Trichel, Jon Rogers, Amanda Jones, Allison Freeman. 2nd row-Sawyer Riley, Jamie Butcher, Blair Pippin, Shawn Cunningham, Rosa Kim, Jordan Pennington, Jack Goodson, Tyler Kirk, Alana Thomas, Byran Morrison, Amy Arnold, Matt Jones, Amy Tolley, Tracy Decker. 3rd row-Jennifer Shanks, Mitchell Simmons, Hollie Burnette, Susan Renfro,



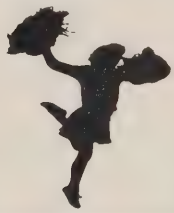
Travis Staton, Laura Ford, Ashley Moss, Kacy Wilson, Robbie, Raettig, Jacob MaAllister, Brad Stophel, Jermey Christian, Karon Smith, April Marrone. 4th row-Cassie Taylor, Matt Boone, Heather Hicks, Valentin Rodrigues, Teresangela Schiano, George Dickert, Adam Canter, Eric Vaughn, Tad O'Donnell, Daniel Stanley, Steven Rainero, Jack Wagner, Josh Wilkinson.

The Latin Club is sponsored by Mrs. Blankenship. This club is open to all students that are taking Latin as a foreign language. Throughout the year this club does many activities to help its members learn about traditions in Latin speaking countries. Every year the Latin Club celebrates the Latin holiday, Saturnalia. All members dress up in togas and celebrate with food and drinks. The French Club is sponsered by Mrs. Garner. Throughout the year the French Club participated in many activities both in and out of school. During VT week many members stayed after school tohelp decorate the foreign language wing to show their Bearcat spirit. At Christmas they sponcered two angel children. Members brought toys and clothes to help these children have a special Christmas. They hold a Christmas party with the traditional "buche de Noel" Christmas dessert, and a Spring party with crepes or fondue.The Spanish Club is sponsered by Mrs. Johnson. An annual tradition with the Spanish Club that seems to be popular with students is a trip to La Carreta. Club members agree to meet one afternoon after school hours and eat and socialize among their friends. For Christmas this year, the Spanish Club sponsered two angel children from the angel tree.The Pep Club is sponsered by Mrs. Cowell. For VT Week members of the Pep Club stayed after school to decorate the English wing with streamers and posters. This year the Pep Club held a food drive for the Food Pantry.
The SADD Club is sponsered by Mrs. Farmer and Sergeant Maples. At Christmas many SADD club members work after school on a SADD float for the annual Bristol Christmas parade. Members also volunteer to walk down State Street on parade night. In the spring members of the SADD Club participate in DARE Day. Members meet in the old gym for a day of pizza and fun andgames.The SADD Club also sponsors the After - Prom Party.

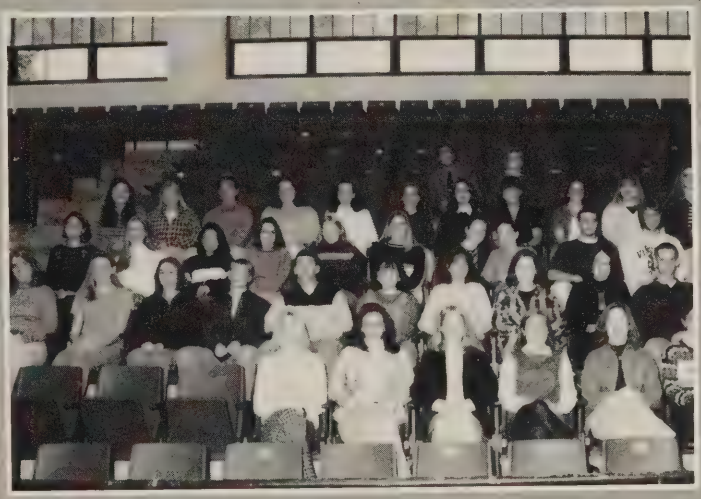
PEP CLUB 1st row- Mrs. Cowell,Hope McConnell, Leigh Evans, Jamie Butcher, Stephanie Everhart 2nd row-Candace Hughes, Shelly Straley, Sawyer Riley, T.A. Schiano,Frank Goodpasture, Andrew Blair, Ben Lester, Adam Combs, Scott Ellis, Chris Smiley, IsaacLittleton 3rd row-Leigh Ann Colson, Amber McCready, Tony O'Dell, Josie Russell, Alana Hughes, Susan Renfro, Brandi Owens, Amy Arnold, Tiffany Morell,



Katie Shields, Jessica Pucket, Brittany Triplet 4th row-B.J. Griffin, Travis Staton, Kristy Joris, Alana Thomas, Karen Barnes, Amy Tolley, Shelly Harper, Erin Lucas, Lenzy Combs, Joey Booher, Miranda Carrier, Cherith Dugger



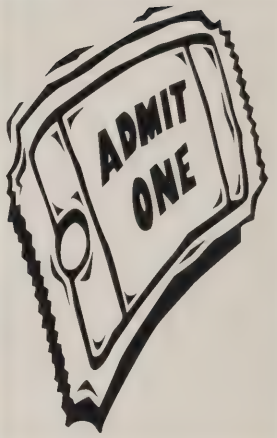
SADD CLUB 1st row-Leigh Evans, Karen Barnes, Jennifer Shanks, Ashley Moss, Amy Dorton, Mrs. Farmer 2nd row-Leigh Ann Colson, Alana Thomas, Kristy Joris, Travis Staton, Matt Jones, Amber Lounsbery, Tiffany Wright, Lea Sims, Stephanie Everhart, Joey Fields, Sarah King, Melanie Young, Carmen Jones, Robert Groves 3rd row-Jamie Butcher, Kacey Wilson, Kacy Mink, Brandy Whicker, Heather Hicks, Kate Sewell, Laura Ford,



Hollie Burnette, Tyler Kirk, Dustin Mullins, Tracy Decker, Andrea Uhrin, Jon Vermillion, Mitch Rainero 4th row-Cassie Carden, Jessica Gill, Jordan Pennington, Sarah Cumbow, Amanda Pippin, Lindsi Anderson, Holly Halstead, Jessica Lee, Angie Cox, Camie Weaver, Cherith Dugger, Nichole Trump, Candace Hughes, Amber McCready 5th row-B.J. Griffin, Scott Leonard

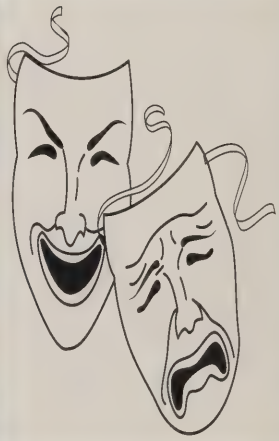
DRAMA - 1st Row- Amanda Hall, Melanie Trichel, Glen Williams 2nd Row-Audra Johnson, Andrea Uhrin, Valentin Rodriquez, Cassie Carden, Lindsey Foster 3rd Row-BJ Griffin, Jamie Butcher, Tony O'Dell, Robert Kieffer





THESPIANS - Audra Johnson, Amanda Hall, Glen Williams





TAPESTRY - 1st row- Stephanie Harriston, Casey Huffman, Jason Preece,Jamie Butcher 2nd row- Glen Williams, Amanda Hall, Audra Johnson, Miss Propst



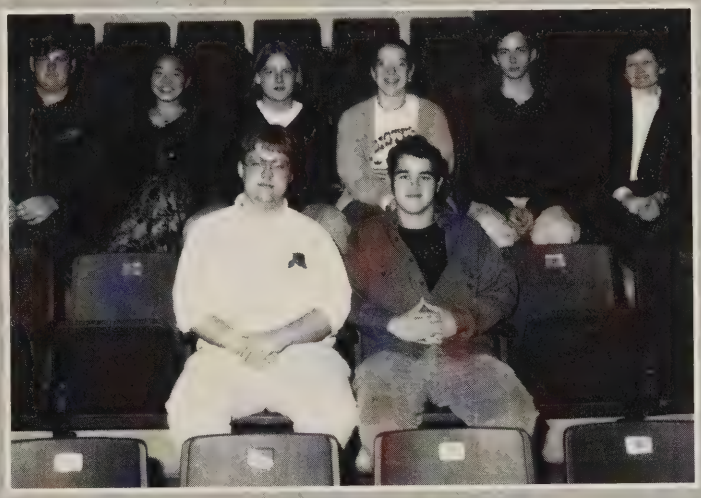


The Drama Club provides an outlet for creative, aspiring actors and actresses. They participate in the One-Act Play in the fall, and in the spring they have the huge responsibility of designing the set, organizing the program, and getting the Spring Festival on its way to success. The Thespians are a group of honored members from the Drama Club. Students are chosen to be in the Thespians Club by a point system. This is the second year Mr. Richard Rollins has been the sponsor of the Drama Club and the Thespians.

There are two English based clubs offered at Virginia High, The Tapestry and Forensics. The Forensic Club helps students better their public speaking skills and teaches students debating skills. Competition in these areas helps to promote intellectual growth and speaking effectiveness. The Tapestry is a creative activity for writers and artists. The club produces a literary magazine every month that members of the club, as well as, members of the student body can contribute to.

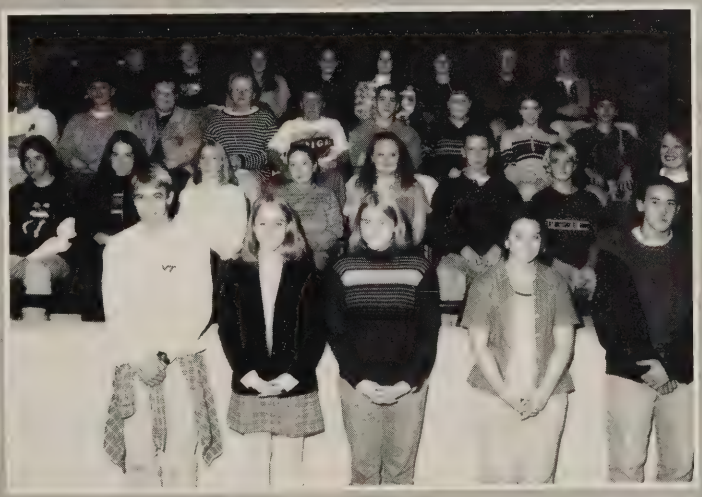
The Art Club is offered to any student enrolled in an art class. The Art club participates in various projects throughout the year. Art Club is actively involved in the PTA Cultural Arts Competition. Field-trips have been taken to a screen printing company where each member received a T-shirt. The T-shirt had the Art Club logo designed by Senior Joey Fields on it.

FORENSICS - 1st row-Glen Williams, Jon Rogers 2nd row-Aaron Walden, Rosa KIm, Kevin Carmody, Melanie Trichel, David Rhea





ART - 1st row-Justin Norton, Jennifer Shanks, Heather Hicks, Angie Cox, Justin Peters 2nd row - Josh Norton, Stephanie Everhart, Leigh Evans, Hollie Burnette, Danielle Eller, Joey Fields, Matt Boone, Mrs. Simmons 3rd row - Glen Williams, Ryan Dunn, Jon Cannon, Robbie Connell, Derek Cook, Jon Blackley,

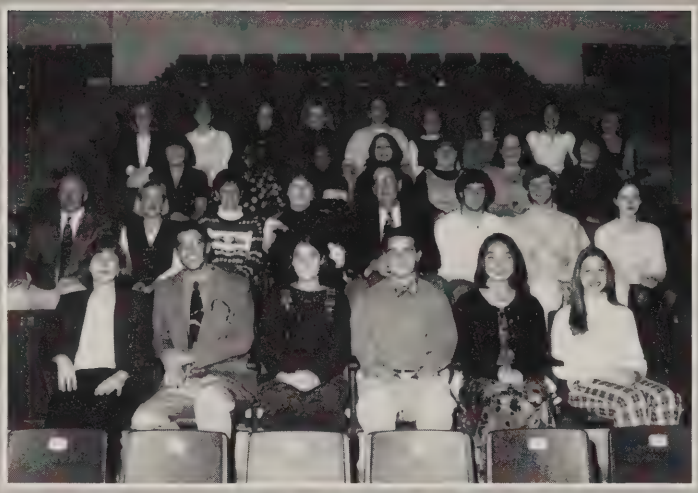


Amanda Perkey, Amber McCready, Jason Valdez 4th row - JimmyAdams, Robert Williams, Tracy Teaster, Suellen Leonard, Jennifer Surber, Magda Gradkowska, Jesse Duncan



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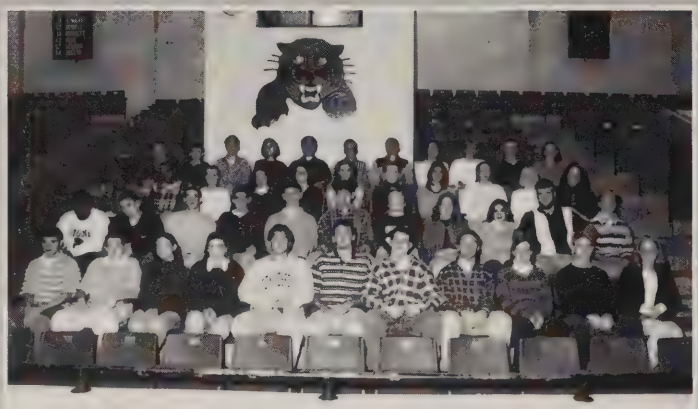
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VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT COUNCIL ASSOCIATION

INTERACT

1st Row: Ben Roberts, Parker Gemmell, Candace Hughes, Elizabeth Patterson, Conor Davidson, Alex Walls, Michael McInnis, Ben Walls, Svenja Nothbaar, Eric Vaughn, Jennifer Shanks 2nd Row: Taurus Roberts, Kent Thurston, Taylor McInnis, Adam Shields, Ryan Dunn, Forrest Pauley, JonVermillion, Amy Dorton, Krista Burnette, Jeremy Christion, Justin Branson 3rd Row: Dean Frank, Jeam Mulumba, Shelley Straley, Teresangela Schiano, Sawyer Riley, Karen Barnes, Kristen Moody,

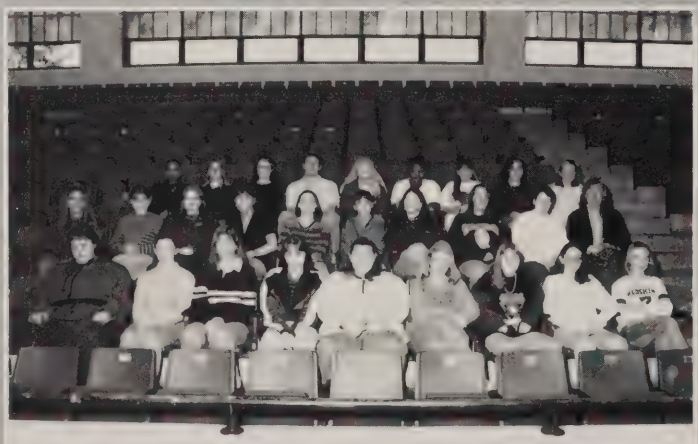


No Street Shoes on Gym Floor

Natalie Meade, Hope McConnell, Leigh Evans, Stephanie Everhart 4th Row: Coach Kegley, Matt Gibson, Chris Smiley, Stevan Rainero, Jamie Butcher, Jack Wagner, Robbie Raettig, Matt Jones, Amy Tolley, Justin Norton, Joey Fields, Alana Thomas

FHA

Ist Row: Angela Black, Lisa Morris, Tiffany Harrison, Kristy Blair, Ruthann Smith, Kathleen Smith, Pam Hartsock, Rachel Stine, April Short 2nd Row: April Marrone, Genny Joung, Tracey Shaffer, Jessica Lee, Tonya McCracken, Karyn Greer, Amy Francis, Sarah Stine, Jennifer Bramlette, Mrs. Rife 3rd Row: Nakeisha Cato, Vickie Boardwine, Courtney Thurston, Josh McAllister, Jennifer Yates, Monica Bunche, Nikki Rhymer, Kim Trinkle, Alicia Guinn



The **Beta Club** is a national organization which promotes scholarsip, leadership, and good citizenship. Requirements for the Beta Club includes seniors who maintain an average of 3.2 with no grade lower than a "C".

The **Interact Club** is a service organization that works in conjunction with the parent club in community activities and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bristol. Interact stresses fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding.

The **Student Council Association** provides each student a responsible voice in the student government and strives to develop leadership, independence, respect for individual rights, and good raport among students, teachers, and administrators.

The **Future Homemakers of America** helps to preserve ideals of home life; to foster the setting of a higher personal standard of accomplishment; to encourage leadership and gain a better understanding of home economics.

The **Health Occupation Student of America** is designed for students enrolled in Health Occupations and provides an opportunity for memvers to develop leadership skills and enhance their understanding of health related industries and technologies.

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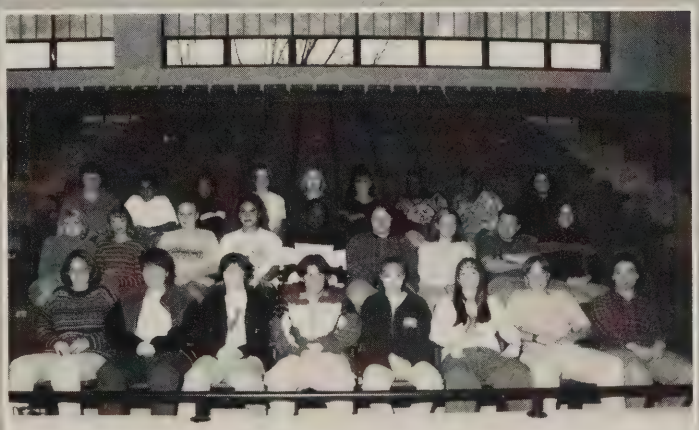
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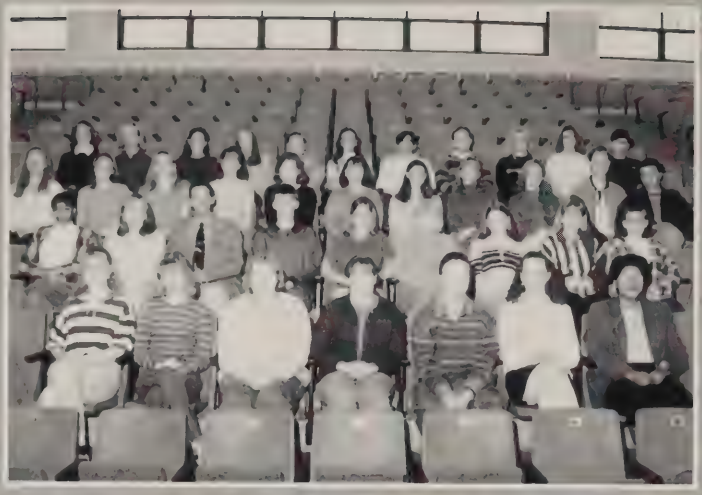
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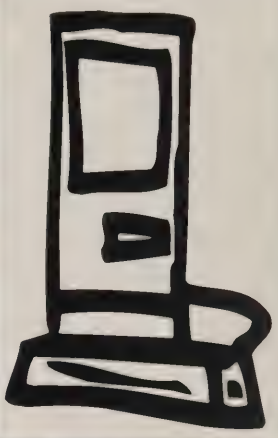


FBLA

Row 1-April White, Karen Lewis, April Doss, Erin Lucas, Matthew Pfountz, Amanda Pippin, Mrs. Douglas Row 2-Kim Crawley, Christy Stanley, BJ Griffin, Jason Davenport, Crystal Wolfe, Shannon Mumpower, Amber McCready, Tasha Reedy Row 3-Keegan Byington, Kristy Joris, Alana Thomas, Tiffany Wright, Lea Sims, Amber Lounsbery, Katie Hall, Nichole Trump, Amy Dorton, Adam Martin, Matt Jesse Row 4-Holly Halstead, Pam Hagy, Suellen Leonard, Tracy Teaster, Laura Ford, Karen Barnes, Gary Almany, Jason York, Stephanis Harrison,



Rachel McDavid, Jon Tausher



DECA
Dean & Acuff

Row 1-Karen Barnes, Angie Landrum, BJ Griffin. Row 2-Lauren Kearfott, Beth Addison, Brooke Rich-ardson, Heather Bishop, Stacie Oakes, Amanda Maine, Cortney Hall, Amanda perkey, Crystal Wolfe, April Doss. Row 3-Heather board, Candace Hughes, Shelly Straley, Stephanie Everhart, Aimee Perilloux, Tasha Sokolow, Elizabeth Patterson, Brant Bullock, Elizabeth Smith, Taylor



McInnis, Rex CarterKaren Lewis Row 4-Christy Stanley, David Chapman, Sherika Turner, Elise Goliday, Tonya Roberts, Karen Greer, Jennifer Yates, Lisa Morris, Luda Yvany, Mindy Campbell, Scott Ashley Row 5-Candace Edson, Kevin King, Kristy Blair, Susie Fleenor, Tonya McCracken, Chastity Burke, Jessica Dehart, Nichole Buress, Chad Archer, Jesse Woody Row 6-Andrea Uhrin, Ryan Jones, Phillip Testerman, Leann Berry, Danielle Cody, Kim Burnette, Kent Thurston, Dale Jones

DECA
Jones

Row 1-Angie Landrum, Karen Barnes, BJ Griffin Row 2-Lauen Kearfott, Conor Davidson, Ashley Helton, Cherith Dugger, Angel Wine, Scott Ellis, Ben Walls, Eric Vaughn, Alex Walls, Ryan Dunn, Nic Lively,Mitch Rainero, Thomas Moore Row 3-Gary Almany, Steven Alva, Matt Casteel, Daniel Surber, Josh Norman, Josh Henley, Chad Cope, Ben Lester, Jon Vermillion, Jeremy Christian,Krista Burnette,



Adam Combs Row 4-Ronnie Harris, Todd Cumbow, Amanda Skeens,Melanie Swiney, Amy Dorton, Parker Gemmell, Michael Brooks, Cameron Summerson, Derrek Hall, Brandon Harris,Ruslan Yavny,Isaac Hill, Joey Gasbarri Row 5-Elizabeth Patterson, Amiee Perilloux, Austin Hicks, Alyson Cross, Nichole Trump, Matt Gibson, Dean Frank, Travis Payne, Jean Mulumba, Ben Roberts, Robert Baker, Jeff Peck, Brian Dellinger, Davey Harrison

The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) strives to develop competent, assertive business leadership. Club activities are designed to strengthen the confidence of students in themselves and in their work. The FBLA participates in the state project (Project ASK) which is the Association for the Student of Chilhood Cancer. A yearly donation is made on behalf of the Virginia High School FBLA. The club alsoparticipates in Vocational Educational Week activities that contribute to the improvement of the school and communtiy. The highlight of each year is the competition which takes place at Clinch Valley College for the FBLA region. Students compete against other regional students in skills learned in keyboarding, Acounting I and II, business computer applications, basic programming, and offic technology. Contest winners at the regional level are given an opprotunity to compete on the state level.

The Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) assists students enrolled in marketing and fashion merchandising to develope a knowledge in marketing principles and practices. All chapters within a statecomprise a state association of DECA and national DECA is composed of the total state association.Through its cooperative programs of classroom participation and actual working conditions, the local progrem strives to give the students an opprotunity to gain a working knowlege of the principles of the free enterprise system. DECA members have the opprotunity to attend state and national competitions if they succeed at the district level. Local events include district competitive events, chapter meetings, and employer and employee appreciation banquet, community service projects, and various field trips. DECA believes in competition and offters awards and recognition to members for outstanding accomplishments.

Through club activities which are planned, initiated, and conducted by VICA members, the organization promotes social and leadership skills, as well as pride in personal workmanship. The club brings together students who share common interests, ideals, and purposes. VICA is and integral part of the trade and industrial education program. Through the activities of the organization, VICA members learn about their roles in school, community, and world of work. VICA students sreve others and make vital contributions toward improving the quality of life in today's world and, more importantly, in helping to shape tomarrow's world.

The Friends of the Libraryis open to students and facutly who wish to support the library in its projects and efforts to provide library services to other students and faculty members. Those who wish to work in the library during study hall are selected on the criteria of good citizenship, average grades, and ani interest in the library and its functions. These students learn the mechanics of the library, such as circulation and location of book materials, and minor processign procedures.

VICA

Row 1-Audra Johnson, Jason Preece, Angie Cox, Jamie Healy, Adnana Majstorovic, Patty Davis Row2-Ruthanne Smith, Camie Weaver, Tracey Shaffer, Amanda Strong, Genny Young, Jenny Mays, Shabazz Coleman, Chastity Burke, Jessica Dehart, Mindy Campbell, Nichole Buress, Carrie McConnell Row 3-Jessica Heath, Blake Fleenor, Aaron Musgrove, Matt McClellen, Jon Cannon, Ben King, Robert Groves, Scott Ashley, Derek Cook, Jon Blackley, Aaron Tobey, Adam Armstrong Row 4-Tosha



Reedy, Keegan Byington, Michael Mumpower, Travis Williams, Joey Fields, Nic Lively, Todd Cumbow, Nick Smith, Seth McDonald, Brandon Matney, George Dickert

Library

Row 1-Nicole Clevenger, Kate Sewell, Danny Almond, Elise Goliday, Carmen Hobson; Row 2-Eran martin, Vivian Davis, Jeb Rhor, Mrs. Saunders, Jessica Lee





Social Studies Swac Team

Front Row- Nicole Clevenger, Blair Pippen, Jon Rogers, Jamie Butcher, Sponsor Mr. Frank Mitchell, Jason Davenport, and Stephanie Hairston.
Second Row- Sheri Carter, Jack Forrest, Cassie Taylor, Emily Monroe, Jordon Pennington, Carl Brown, and Jeb Rohr.



Hard Work Pays Off

The Social Studies Swac Team specializes in areas of American history and Government. Sponsor and history teacher Mr. Frank Mitchell says, "Last year we worked extra hard to beat our main opponent, Abingdon. It paid off, and we're hoping to do it again. We have a great team this year, and I'm very proud of them."

Math SWAC Team

Front Row- Amanda Jones, Vivian Davis, Rosa Kim, and Heather Hicks.
Second Row- April White, Jennifer Shanks, Conor Davidson, Andrew Blair, and Allison Freeman.



Mad About Math

The Math SWAC competitions are different from all the others because participants are given twenty seconds to respond to directed questions and ten seconds for toss-up questions. All other SWAC competitions only allow five seconds for an answer. Students are given paper and pencils to work out the mathematical questions, but are not allowed to use calculators. Sponsor Ms. Hite says, "This is my first year as a SWAC sponsor and I'm very excited about our team."

Science SWAC Team

Front Row- Reed Barnett, Tony O'Dell, Aaron Walden, and Jason York.
Second Row- Andy Rest, Sponsor Mrs. Joan Minnick, and Robert Keiffer.



Science is Sensational

The Science SWAC Team meets once a week from October to January to go over the four areas of science that questions are taken from; earth science, biology chemistry, and physical science.

Sponsor Mrs. Minnick says, "We only have one team member left from last year, so basically this is a whole new team. I'm confident that with all the review and preparing at home, we will do well this season. "

SWAC Meet Schedule and Scores

Date	Opponent	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	All Around
March 5	John Battle	55-45(w)	35-65	60-60	50-25(w)	50-55
March 9	Holston	65-40(w)	58-50(w)	40-65	43-43	55-25(w)
March 12	Northwood	60-25(w)	50-50	45-10(w)	60-25(w)	70-20(w)
March 16	Marion	90-25(w)	60-48(w)	35-43	50-33(w)	80-40(w)
March 19	Patrick Henry	80-40(w)	55-75	70-15(w)	70-35(w)	35-35
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National Honor Society

Front Row- Nicole Clevenger, Cherith Dugger, Andrew Blair, and Teresangela Schiano.
Second Row- Jamie Butcher, April White, Jodie Hafen, Vivian Davis, Kate Sewell, and Blair Pippen.
Third Row- Jennifer Shanks, Melanie Swiney, Jack Wagner, Jon Rogers, and Amanda Jones.



The Best of the Best

The National Honors Society is an exceptioanl group of students who have worked hard both in the school and the community to receive this honor. Members must meet requirements such as a 3.5 GPA or higher, have many hours of leadership and community service, involvement in the school, and a great personality.

English SWAC Team

Front Row- Valentin Rodriguez, Glen Williams, Leigh Evans, and Sponsor Mrs. Carol Propst.
Second Row- Kevin Carmody, Cassie Carden, Erin Lucas, and Daniel Schneider.



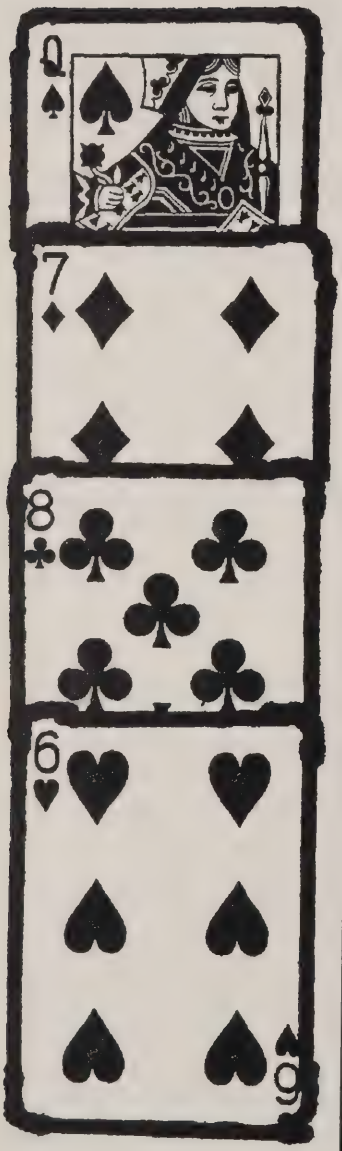
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The English SWAC Team has an impressive list of material to cover. Members are responsible for eight novels, eight non-fiction works and fifteen short stories, not to mention grammar and literary terms.

They meet twice a week for practice from October to March. All the hard work must pay off, because the English SWAC team has always placed at least third in the district each year and was undefeated this season.

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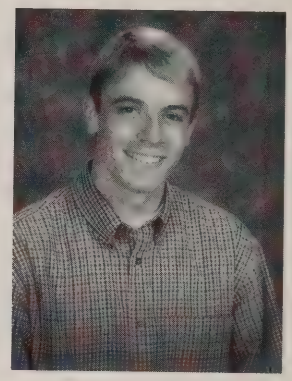


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--Tracy Decker



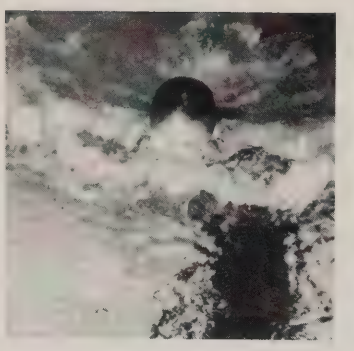
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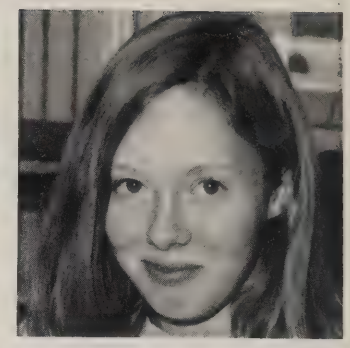
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I Dressed Up With No Place to go!--VHS guys show their stuff and strike a pose outside the cafeteria.







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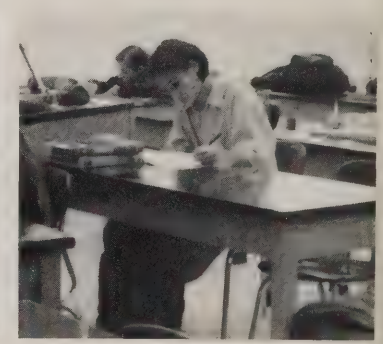
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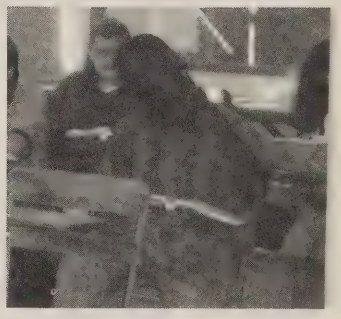
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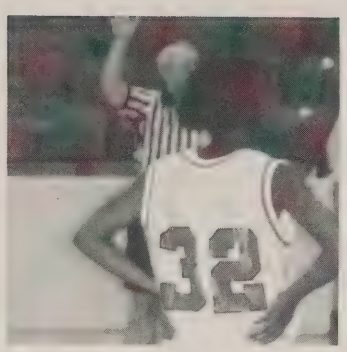














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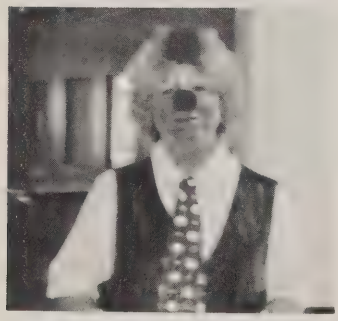
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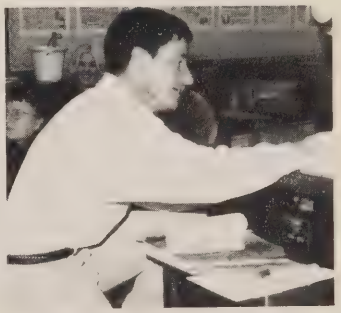
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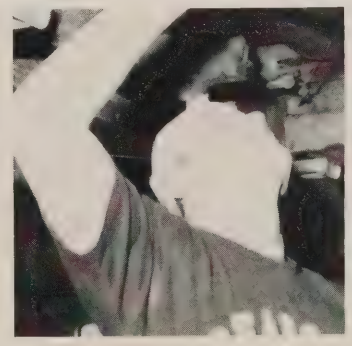












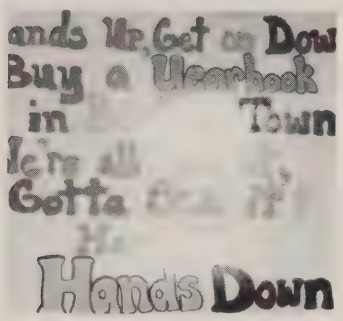
























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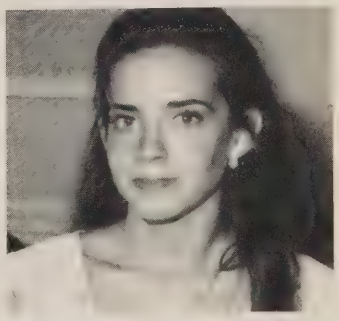
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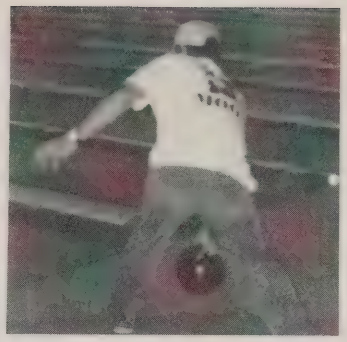


















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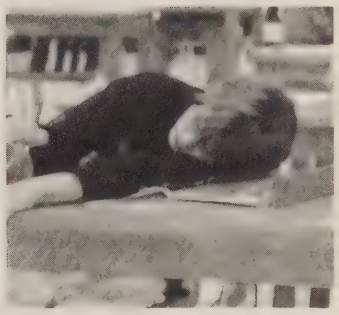
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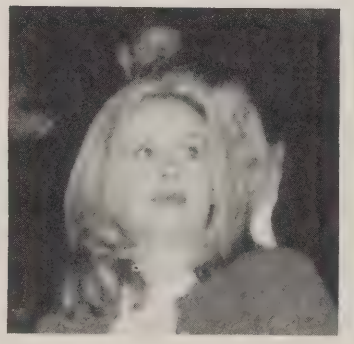
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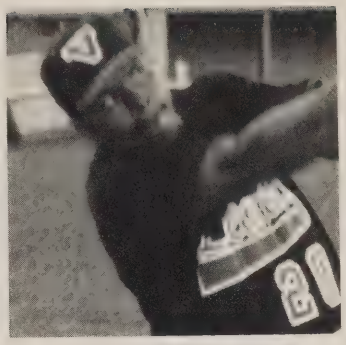
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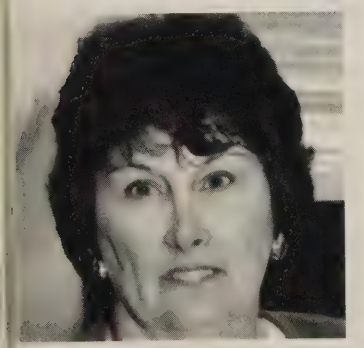
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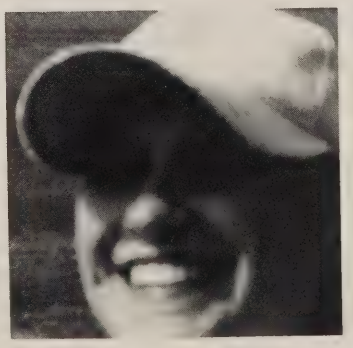








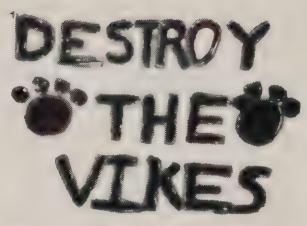








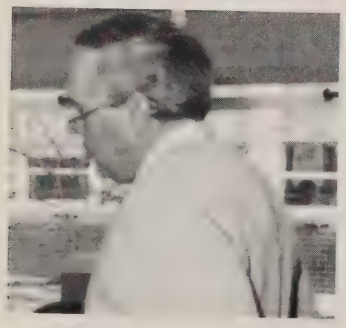












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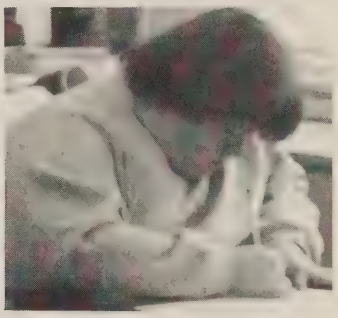



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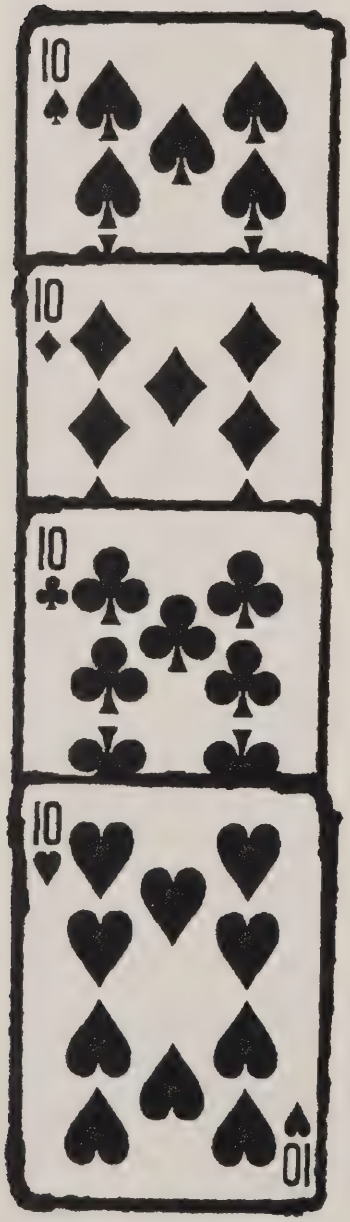








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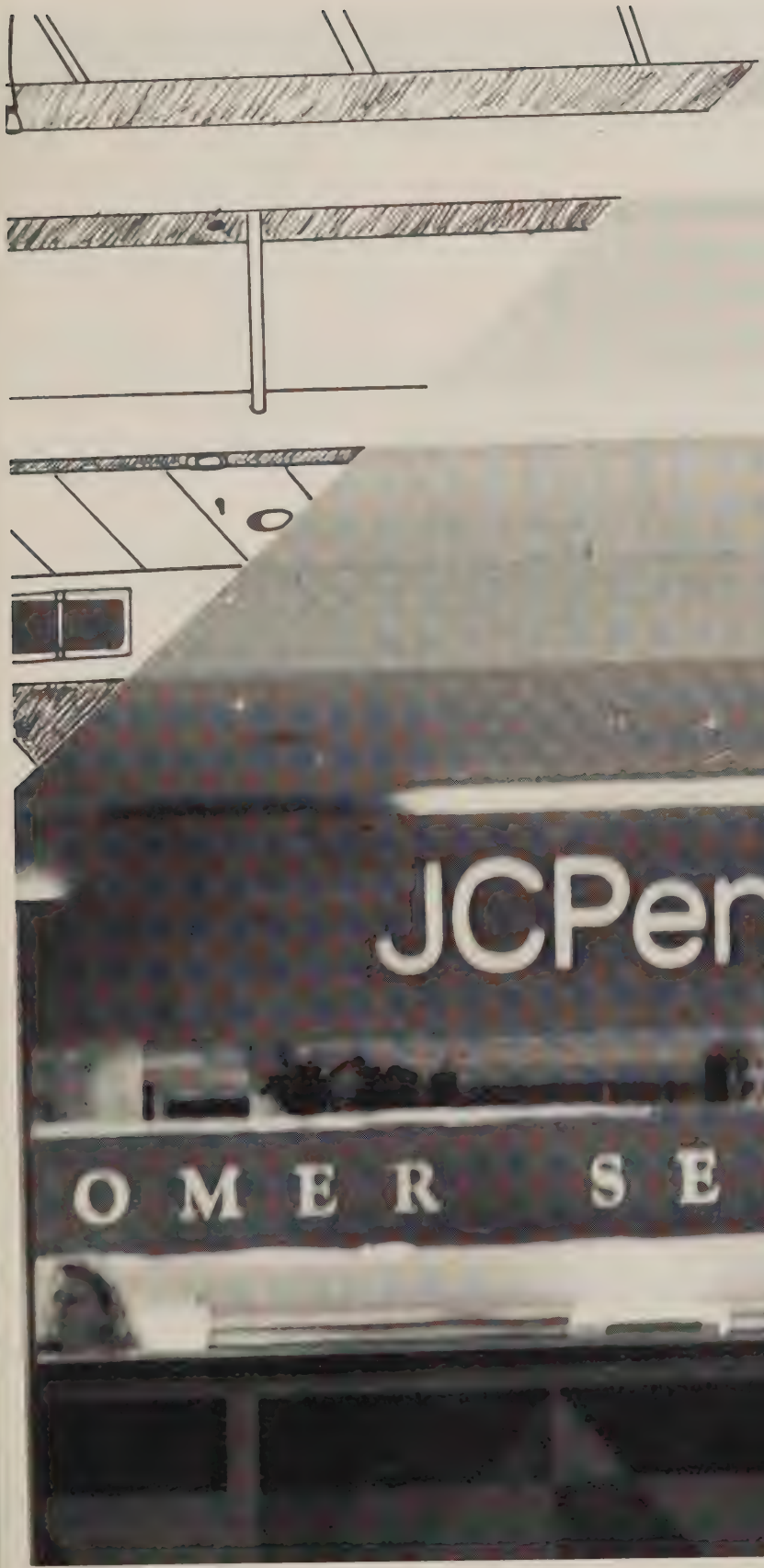


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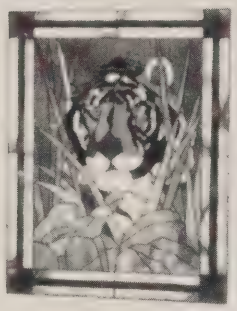
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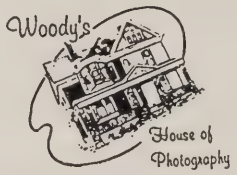
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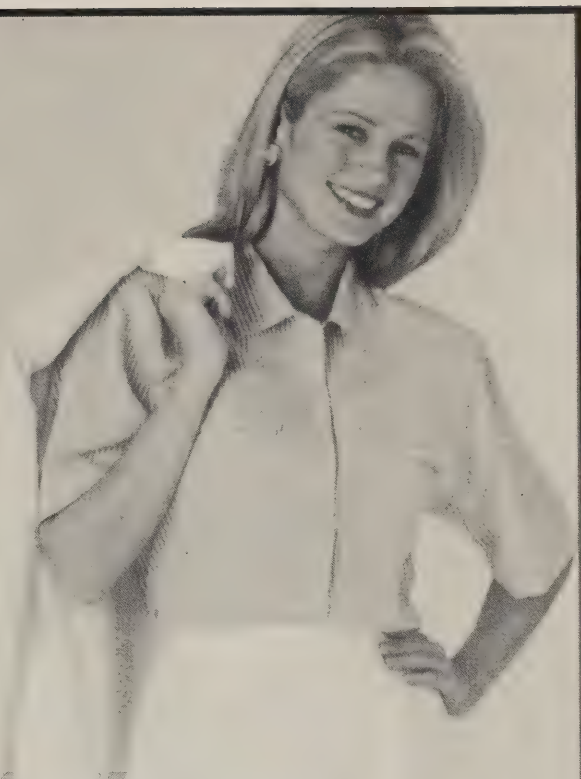
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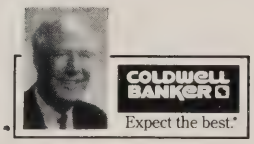
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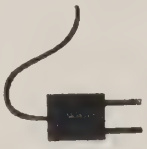
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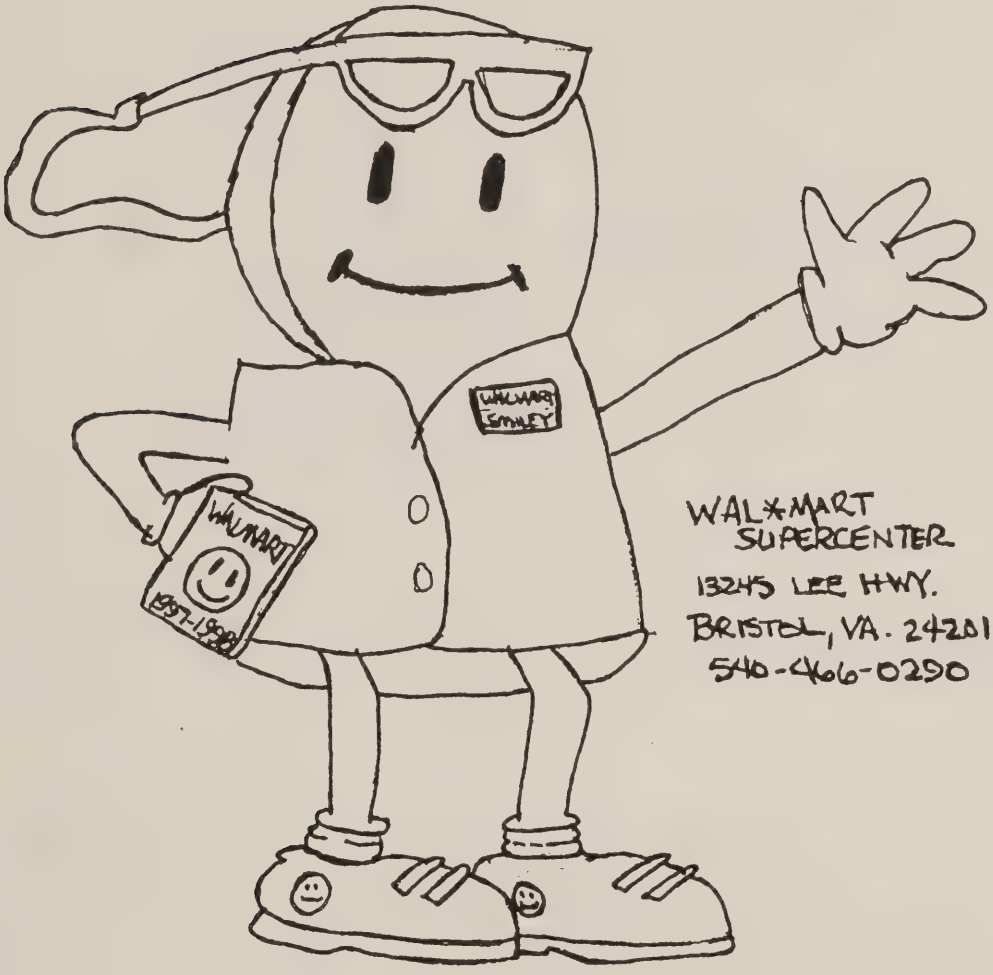
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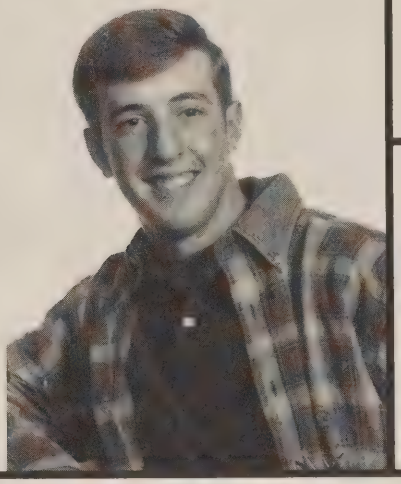
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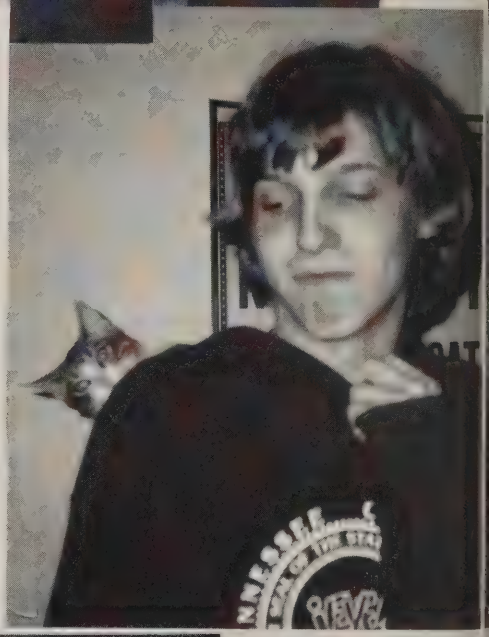
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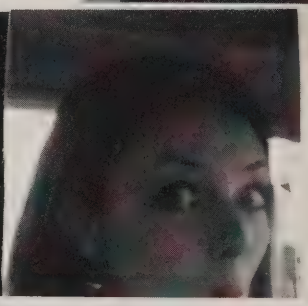
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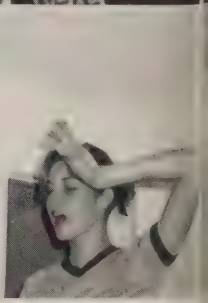














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As we sit down at this table for the last draw, we realize what we are actually saying goodbye to: all of our childhood, our teenage years, our friendships and goodtimes, and the fun of being in high school. It's hard to say goodbye and it's especially hard to say goodbye to this class and this past year. How do you say goodbye to all the memories that we've made at the V-T game, Homecoming, Spring Festival, Prom, Graduation, and many other times? Well it's not easy, but life does go on, there is always another senior class waiting to come up. For some there is always another Homecoming or another Prom, and for others, the real world and bigger and better experiences are waiting out there. But to all who have shared in these memories this year I am going to bid you a final goodbye. This time I'm

betting it all on the last hand!

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Acceptance, Honors, and Gratefulness - Senior Latisha Sensabaugh thanks her benefactor after receiving a scholarship at the Senior Luncheon. Latisha was lucky enough to receive many scholarships this year.

Run Cats, Run! - Faithful track parents come to all the track meets to cheer on the girls and boys who ran track this spring. It always helped to have hometown fans in the crowd.







Lookin' Good - Seniors Tiffany Wright, Amy Dorton, and junior Lea Sims pose for a picture near a prom decoration. Many students liked to get the prom decorations in as many pictures as possible.

It's All About Pride - Two seniors, Jeremy Christian and Karon Smith, show their pride for Virginia High by participating in Mr. Ghattis night, a V-T week activity. These two seniors were a big factor in stopping the Vikings this year.



Friends 'Till The End! - Seniors Elizabeth Patterson and Jessica Salyers embrace in the hallway. Students make many senior memories with their closest friends.

What Time Is It? - It's game time for the Lady Bearcat varsity volleyball team. These Cats always came together in a circle to have a little pre-game talk.

All Gee'd Up! - Senior Rob Bressler and his father pose for a picture on the Youth-in-Government day. Many students enjoyed a day out of school while also learning more about government.







Senior Picnic - Seniors Jamie Butcher, Stephanie Everhart and Jennifer Shanks decorate the picnic tables that the seniors dedicated to the school.



Hats Off To You! - Retired principal Mr. A.T. Outlaw receives a Lifetime Achievement Award during a Bearcat basketball game. Mr. Outlaw did a lot to help VHS and it's students.



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Marching To Success! The WE Marching Band was given a very big opportunity this year by being invited to the [illegible] festivities at UNC Chapel Hill.

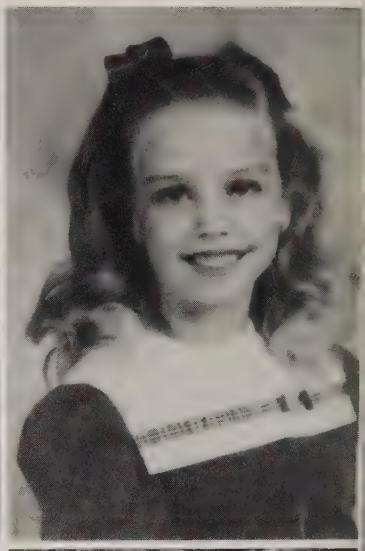


Aren't We Soooo Cute?!! - Sophomores Alaina Hughes, Rynnie Horner, and Casey Blankenship pose for a picture and look coy for the camera. Many friends love to get together for a quick snapshot.

High 5's All Around - The Bearcat varsity baseball team congratulate Taylor McInnis with high fives for a well hit homerun. Showing spirit and congratulating teammates is a big part of the baseball team.






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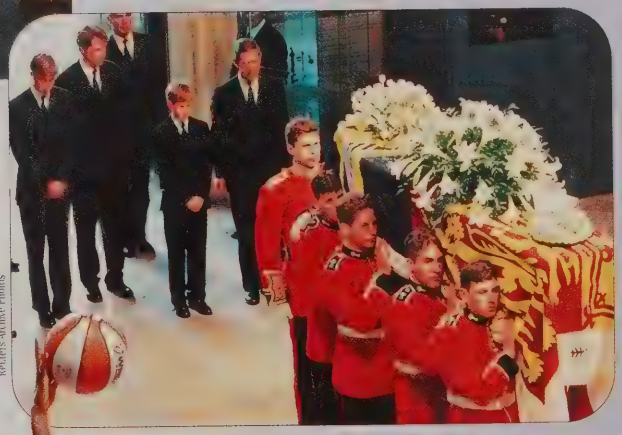


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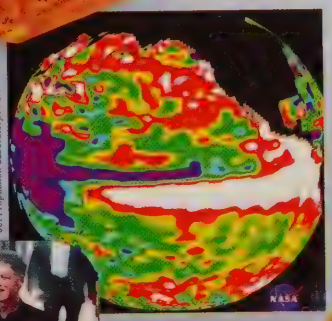
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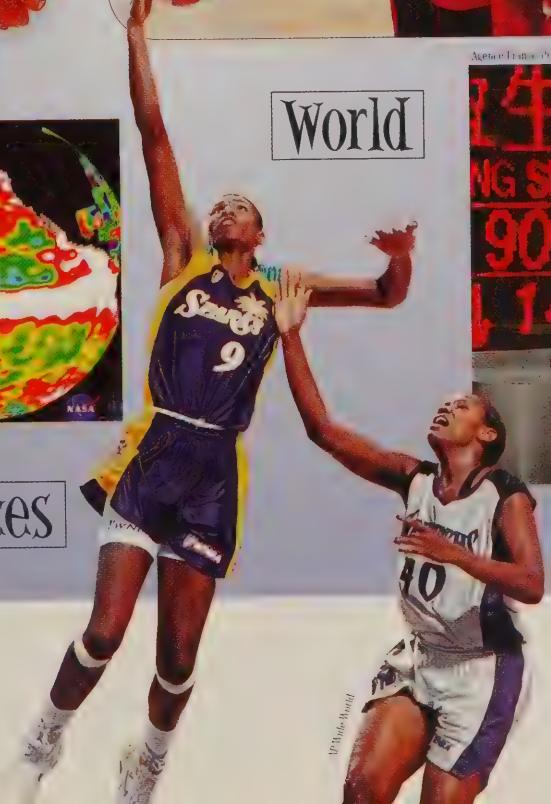
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Asian economic turmoil triggers global unrest. In October, Hong Kong's stock market crashes. Asian countries receive billions in bailout dollars from the International Monetary Fund.



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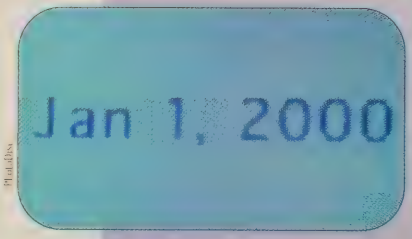
Hong Kong reverts to China at 12:01 a.m., July 1, after 156 years of British colonial rule. China says Hong Kong will continue its Western way of life and free-market economy.

A 15-day school strike in Ontario, Canada, affects 2.1 million students. Late in October, 128,000 teachers walk out to protest a controversial bill that would alter educational funding and centralize government control of education.



AP/Wide World

Powerful earthquakes in central Italy kill 11 people and damage art treasures, including centuries-old frescoes by Italian Renaissance painters, in the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.



PhotoDisc

Governments and businesses worldwide race to remedy the "Year 2000" problem. Unless key computer systems are reprogrammed to recognize dates in the new century the world faces the threat of catastrophic failure in critical areas like banking, air safety, public utilities and defense.



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Montserrat, once called "the Emerald Isle of the Caribbean," is devastated by ongoing eruptions from a volcano that had been dormant for 400 years. Two-thirds of the populace evacuates.

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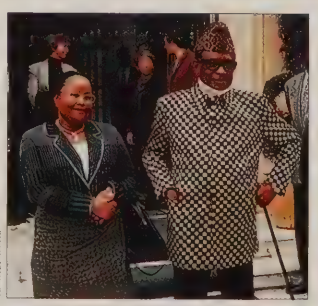
Change sweeps Great Britain as Labor Party leader Tony Blair's landslide election in May 1997 ousts the Conservatives and makes Blair, at 44, Britain's youngest prime minister in 185 years.

Hurricane Pauline slams into Mexico's Pacific coast in October, causing flash floods, landslides and at least 200 fatalities. The resort city of Acapulco is heavily damaged.



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The remains of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, martyred Marxist revolutionary, are laid to rest in Cuba in October, 30 years after his execution in Bolivia, where his bones recently had been found.



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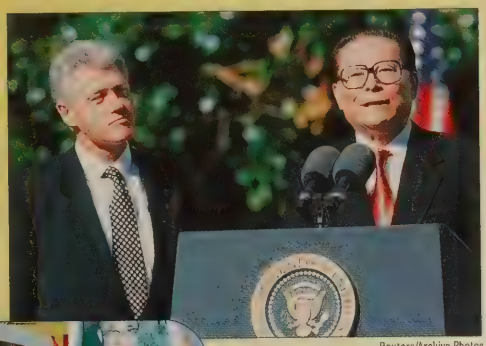
After 32 years of autocratic rule, President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire is deposed in May 1997 and later dies in exile. His successor, Laurent Kabila, changes Zaire's name to Democratic Republic of the Congo.



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Halloween fever seizes France. At the base of the Eiffel Tower in Paris 8,000 pumpkins are displayed, and French children participate in an American-style Halloween celebration.

President Jiang Zemin of China meets for summit talks with President Bill Clinton in October, the first visit in 12 years of a Chinese leader to the U.S. During his stay, demonstrators protest China's treatment of Tibet.



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Tim Graham, Sygma

Diana, Princess of Wales, one of the world's most famous and admired women, dies at 36 in a violent car crash in Paris on August 31.

The death of "the people's princess" generates an emotional outpouring of love and grief, evidenced by floral tributes heaped at Diana's Kensington Palace home.



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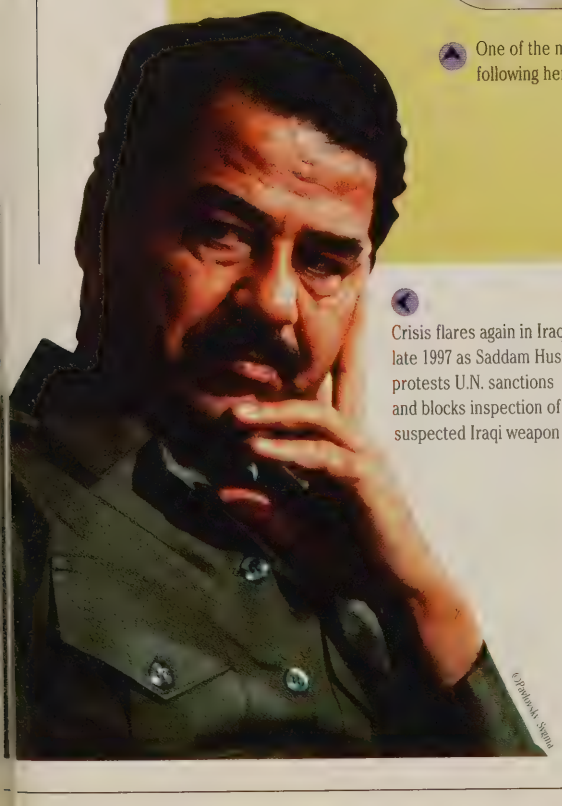
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At the funeral, Elton John performs "Candle in the Wind 1997," rewritten in tribute to Diana. The recording quickly sells more than 35 million copies, becoming the best-selling single of all time. Sales proceeds benefit the Diana Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

One of the most poignant images of Diana's funeral: her young sons following her coffin into Westminster Abbey.



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Sygma

Crisis flares again in Iraq in late 1997 as Saddam Hussein protests U.N. sanctions and blocks inspection of suspected Iraqi weapon sites.

flash

Floods, drought and mismanagement in North Korea create a severe famine. As many as a million North Koreans die of starvation.

Pope John Paul II visits Communist Cuba in January 1998, the first time a pope has done so. During his five-day visit the pope celebrates public masses and meets privately with President Fidel Castro.



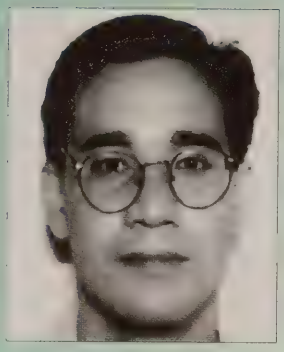
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In June, shortly before Diana's death, an auction of 79 of her evening gowns raises $3.26 million for AIDS and cancer charities. Top price paid for a single gown: $222,500.

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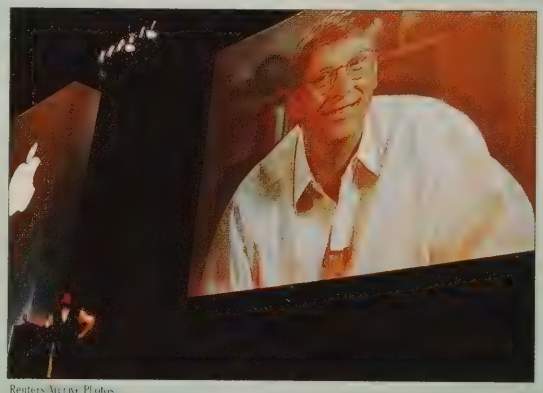
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On July 23 suspected murderer Andrew Cunanan, 27, commits suicide in Miami Beach. Cunanan was the prime suspect in a cross-country killing spree that left five dead, including fashion designer Gianni Versace.



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Once-mighty Apple Computer is close to failure when arch-rival Bill Gates of Microsoft "rescues" it with a $150 million bail-out in August. The event opens a new era of cooperation between formerly fierce competitors.

In April 1997, floods ravate the entire Red River Valley between Minnesota and the Dakotas. Ninety percent of downtown Grand Forks, North Dakota, is under water.



Jonathan Elderfield, Gamma/Liaison

Joe Camel is snuffed out as the Federal Trade Commission bans tobacco advertising aimed at minors and institutes sweeping tobacco advertising restrictions.



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Americans join "Stop the Violence" campaigns nationwide in an attempt to generate awareness of and solutions to the problem of violence in America.

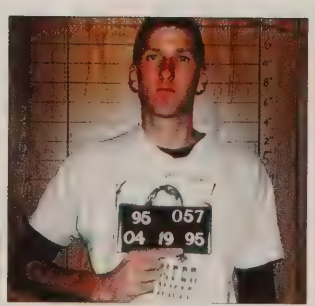
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Theodore Kaczynski admits he is the Unabomber responsible for killing 3 people and injuring 29 others in an 18-year bombing campaign. His January 1998 guilty plea spares Kaczynski the death penalty but condemns him to life in prison with no possibility of release.

UPS workers take to the picket lines in an August strike lasting 15 days. The eventual settlement is seen as a major labor victory.



British nanny Louise Woodward, 19, is convicted in Massachusetts of murdering a child in her care. The judge later reduces the charge to involuntary manslaughter and releases her.



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Timothy McVeigh is convicted of murder and conspiracy in June for the April 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. McVeigh is later sentenced to death.



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First Lt. Kelly Flinn accepts a general discharge from the Air Force, avoiding court-martial for lying about an affair and disobeying orders. Flinn had been the first and only female B-52 pilot in the service.

A rare urban tornado prowls through Miami on May 12, uprooting trees, shattering windows and snapping power lines. Fortunately, the storm inflicts only minor injuries.

Arthur Harvey, The Miami Herald



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Attorney General Janet Reno refuses to name an independent prosecutor to investigate Clinton administration fundraising, causing friction with FBI Director Louis Freeh.



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Bobbi McCaughey, Carlisle, Iowa, gives birth November 19 to seven babies, the U.S.'s first living septuplets. McCaughey and her husband Kenny now have eight children.

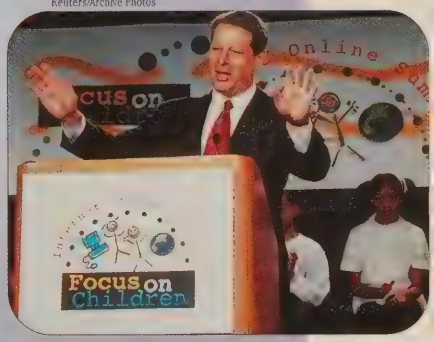
Terry Nichols is found guilty of conspiracy and manslaughter in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Nichols is spared a federal death sentence in January 1998, but still faces Oklahoma state charges.

UFO enthusiasts gather in Roswell, New Mexico, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the alleged UFO crash there in July 1947.



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At the Internet/Online Summit in December, Vice President Al Gore announces government initiatives to protect young Internet users from online pornography.



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Fast-food giant Burger King is forced to stop serving burgers when supplier Hudson Foods recalls 25 million pounds of hamburger suspected of contamination with *E. coli* bacteria. It is the biggest beef recall in U.S. history.

flash

The all-male Promise Keepers movement inspires praise and controversy for its message of spiritual revival and personal responsibility for men. In October, the group holds a giant rally in Washington, D.C.

Once-secret tape recordings of former presidents Kennedy and Nixon are released publicly. The tapes provide an unvarnished, and sometimes unflattering, glimpse into the two presidents' actions and conversations in the White House.



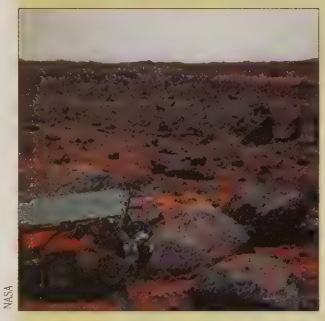
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On October 25, at least 300,000 African-American women gather in Philadelphia for the Million Woman March. Winnie Madikizela-Mandela is one of the speakers.

Science News

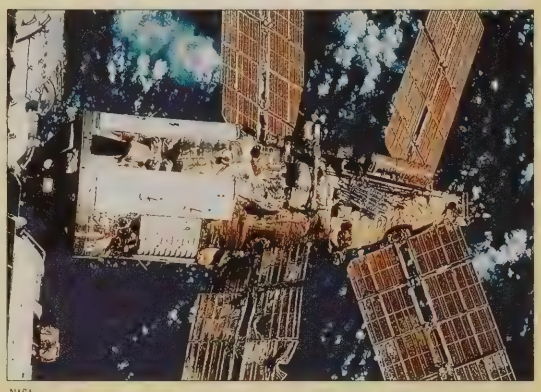
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NASA

Viewers worldwide see the first-ever high-resolution color pictures of Mars when the *Pathfinder* spacecraft lands July 4. The lander and its rover, Sojourner, collect and transmit extraordinary data for three months.



NASA

Russia's aging *Mir* space station collides with an unmanned supply vehicle in June and is seriously damaged. This is only one in a series of crises casting doubt on the viability of the station.

For $8.36 million, Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History buys "Sue," the most complete *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossil yet discovered. The sale occurs October 4 at Sotheby's in New York.



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Scottish scientists in February 1997 announce the world's first cloning of an adult mammal. The sheep, named Dolly, fuels controversy over possible misuse of the technology.



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In September, CAT scans of petrified dinosaur eggs found in China reveal a dinosaur embryo.

flash

Fuel cells that convert a fuel's energy directly into electricity are being developed for use in cars, making possible an efficient, low-emission car of the future.

The first prescription pill for male-pattern baldness is approved by the Food and Drug Administration in December. The drug Propecia is made by Merck and Company.



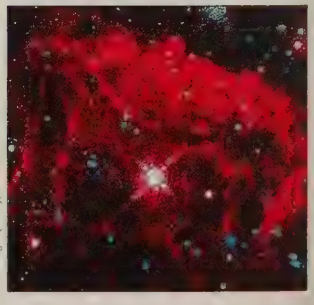
Ted Horowitz, The Stock Market

Research produces medical breakthroughs, including a genetically engineered "bullet" molecule being tested to fight cancer and new drugs to control or prevent Parkinson's disease, osteoporosis and congestive heart failure.



Matt Mendelsohn

The popular diet regimen fen-phen is pulled off the market in September. The combination of fenfluramine and phentermine is shown to cause heart valve disorders, as is the diet drug Redux, also recalled.



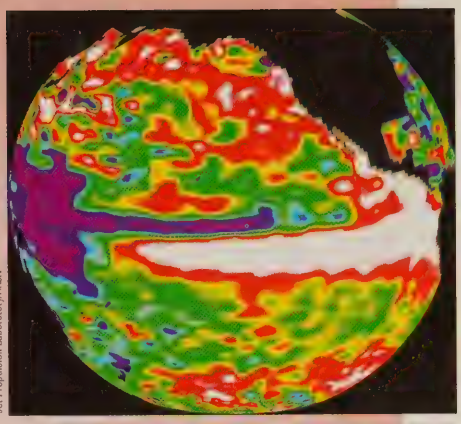
Don F. Figer (UCLA), and NASA

Aided by the Hubble Space Telescope, astronomers discover the Pistol Star—the brightest star yet observed in the Milky Way. The Pistol Star is 25,000 light years from Earth.

Comet Hale-Bopp captures imaginations worldwide as it streaks past Earth for the first time in 4,200 years—or, since 2203 B.C. Hale-Bopp next returns in 4397.

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Jet Propulsion Laboratory/NASA

On October 13, the British jet car *Thrust SSC* becomes the first vehicle to break the sound barrier on land, traveling 766.6 miles per hour in the Nevada desert.

El Niño stirs up global weather patterns. Caused by warmer-than-normal water temperatures in the equatorial Pacific, the '97 El Niño is blamed for storms and weather problems worldwide.



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In December, 159 nations gather in Kyoto, Japan, and negotiate a climate treaty to combat global warming by reducing greenhouse gases.



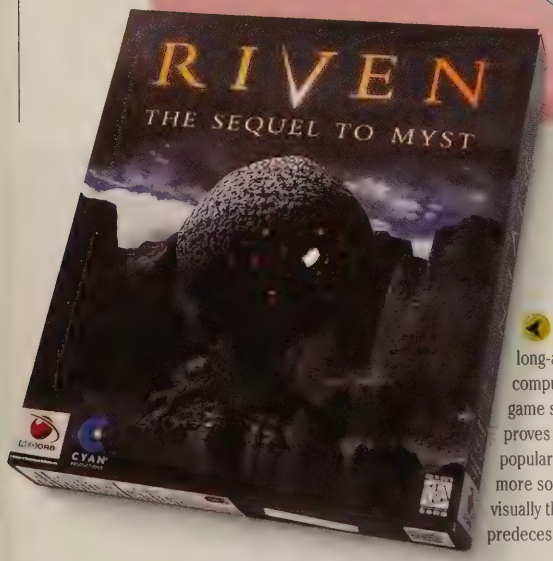
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Protesters unsuccessfully attempt to prevent the October launch of NASA's *Cassini* spacecraft to Saturn, fearing an accident could shower the Earth with the rocket's radioactive plutonium.

The Food and Drug Administration approves a dental laser for treating cavities. Unlike traditional dental drills, the laser in most cases causes virtually no discomfort.



Premier Laser Systems, Inc.



Riven, the long-awaited computer adventure game sequel to Myst, proves to be just as popular and even more sophisticated visually than its predecessor.

flash

Hong Kong authorities in December order the slaughter of more than a million chickens in an effort to halt the spread of a bird flu virus that killed six people.

The space shuttle *Columbia* releases the errant *Spartan* satellite in November. U.S. astronaut Winston Scott and Takao Doi, the first Japanese astronaut to do a space walk, retrieve the satellite for return to Earth.



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French oceanographer and award-winning filmmaker Jacques Cousteau dies in June at 87. His work gained renown through the popular television series "The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau."

Lifestyle news





Teen People, a savvy monthly magazine for and about teenagers, premieres in February 1998.



AP/Wide World

In October, a cyberfashion show at the M.I.T. Media Lab Wearable Symposium features fashions with built-in computer devices and electronic hardware. M.I.T. students designed the high-tech fashions.

Fashion advertising and clothing trends inspire the popularity of the color orange, which replaces neon green as the fad color of the year.



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Fashion looks to the Far East. The stick-on bindi, a tiny decorative accent worn in the middle of the forehead, is popularized by Gwen Stefani, lead singer of the band No Doubt.



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Princess Diana tribute merchandise abounds, including a double CD set and a new Beanie Baby named Princess, a royal purple bear adorned with a rose. Profits benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.



Christian Dior

This year's look in cosmetics is glimmering, sparkling and colorful. Riding this wave, cosmetics giant Christian Dior introduces Mascara Flash, temporary hair color in a variety of outrageous tints.



Platform shoes, a fashion statement during the disco '70s, make a style comeback in a big way in 1997, inspiring even platform sneakers.

flash

Nike introduces a new "I Can" advertising campaign on New Year's Day. The company does not plan to abandon its "Just Do It" slogan, introduced in 1985, which will continue to appear on T-shirts and posters.

Diet Scent Patches are introduced in June by Slimline, a British company. Designed to help people diet successfully, the small arm stickers produce an unpleasant odor to discourage the wearer from eating sweets.



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"Two Fat Ladies" becomes the Food Network's hottest new cooking show in the U.S., attracting fans with its unconventional British stars, two overweight, middle-aged women.

The Chevrolet Corvette is named *Motor Trend* magazine's 1998 Car of the Year.

General Motors





After nearly 40 years, Mattel's Barbie doll takes on a more realistic face and body shape than the Barbie of the '60s. The new doll will begin to appear in stores in early 1998.



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Mattel introduces Share a Smile Becky in May 1997. Seated in a bright pink wheelchair, the doll is marketed as a friend to the traditional Barbie.

A new $50 bill featuring a larger, off-center portrait of President Ulysses S. Grant is unveiled in October. Design details make the bill more difficult to forge.



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Digital "pets" are a 1997 toy craze. These virtual critters keep their owners busy by beeping when they need care or feeding. If ignored, they "die."



Karl Stembrenner

Mehndi, intricate designs painted on the body with henna dye, is a popular expression of the fashion trend toward Eastern themes and patterns.



Popular board games appear on CD-ROM in ever-growing numbers, including interactive favorites Monopoly, Scrabble, Sorry, Risk and Boggle.

flash

As many as 700 school districts nationwide teach "emotional intelligence," aiming to develop children's values and people skills as well as their minds.

Beepers are a status symbol and a lifestyle must-have for many teens juggling school, jobs and after-school activities. More than 40 million beepers are carried in the U.S., an estimated 25 percent of them by people between the ages of 12 and 24. In some schools, beepers are forbidden as disruptive.



Canada issues a Superhero postage stamp series that includes a 45-cent stamp featuring the colorful, comic-book image of Superman.

Entertainment news



ABC from the Kobal Collection

ABC's gritty police drama "NYPD Blue" remains one of the most popular one-hour dramas on television in 1997, capturing four Emmy Awards.



Universal Studios, Inc., from Shooting Star

The Lost World, Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* sequel, breaks summer box-office records everywhere. It earns $229 million in the U.S.



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Comedian Chris Farley dies at 33 of a drug overdose on December 18. He starred in NBC's "Saturday Night Live" and movies including *Tommy Boy* and *Beverly Hills Ninja*.

Columbia/Mandalay from the Kobal Collection



Horror films draw teenagers to the box office. *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt and Sarah Michelle Gellar, is one of the year's biggest attractions.



Gino Mifsud, Shooting Star

Jerry Seinfeld, creator and star of the NBC hit "Seinfeld," announces in December that the 1997-1998 season is the show's last. The final episode airs in May, ending the popular show's nine-year run.

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In its second season, the WB's campy sitcom "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" blossoms into a huge favorite with many viewers.

Jenny McCarthy stars in a new fall NBC comedy "Jenny" that, in January 1998, goes into hiatus only a few months into its first season. McCarthy had been an MTV personality before moving to the network.



Fox from Shooting Star

Fox network launches "King of the Hill," an animated show that focuses on the lives of a propane dealer from Texas and his family. The show goes on to become a smash hit.



Dimension Films from the Kobal Collection

Scream 2, the chilling hit sequel to *Scream*, is a wildly successful mix of carnage and comedy starring Neve Campbell, Jerry O'Connell, Tori Spelling, Jada Pinkett and a host of other stars.



Dreamworks Pictures from Shooting Star

Critically acclaimed *Amistad*, directed by Steven Spielberg, tells the story of an 1839 slave ship mutiny. The film culminates years of effort by producer Debbie Allen to bring the story to life.

Religion is a common theme on eight fall-season network TV shows inspired by the success of CBS's "Touched by an Angel" starring Roma Downey, Della Reese and John Dye. New programs include ABC's "Nothing Sacred" and "Teen Angel."

CBS Entertainment from Shooting Star



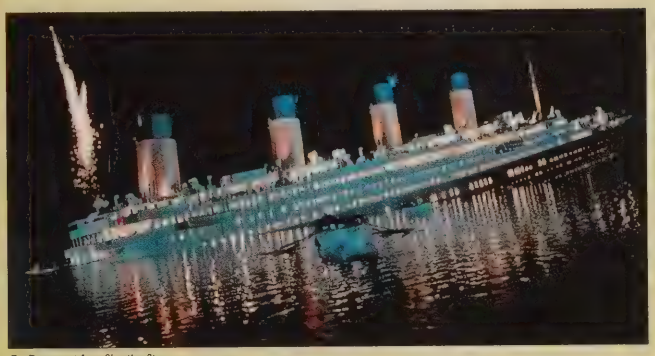
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Titanic is a huge critical and box-office success. The movie event of the year, this $200 million picture is the most costly in history. After 45 days in the theaters, *Titanic* had earned $308 million.

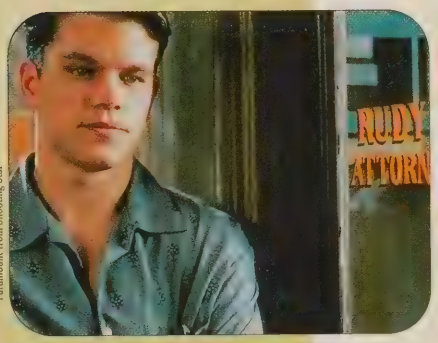


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Star Wars captures a new generation of fans when George Lucas re-releases the film trilogy 20 years after the first film was shown. In Washington, D.C., the National Air and Space Museum mounts a huge exhibition of now-historic *Star Wars* artifacts.



Paramount from Shooting Star

Matt Damon stars as an attorney in *The Rainmaker*, a movie based on the John Grisham novel. Damon's successes also include the film *Good Will Hunting*.

Michael Flatley's pulsating show "Lord of the Dance" fuels the extraordinary popularity of Irish dance. The show tours 15 cities in the U.S. through October.

In the fall, Fox debuts "Ally McBeal," a comedy/drama starring Calista Flockhart as a young Boston attorney. The show captures a Golden Globe Award in January 1998 for best series/musical or comedy.



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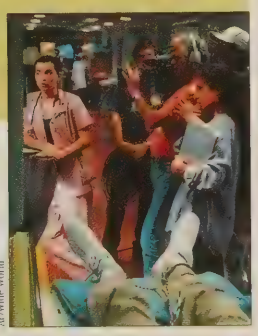
Columbia TriStar from Shooting Star

Summer blockbuster *Men in Black* grosses more than $500 million worldwide to become 1997's biggest hit. The sci-fi comedy stars Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.

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The Wonderful World of Disney **presents its adaptation of "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella" on ABC, starring Brandy as Cinderella and Whitney Houston as the Fairy Godmother.**

Tomorrow Never Dies **, starring Pierce Brosnan as 007, is a holiday box-office hit and confirms the enduring popularity of James Bond movies.**



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The 1997 season premiere episode of "ER" is broadcast live and draws 42.7 million viewers for NBC, including those who watch it on a giant screen in Times Square.

Music News

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Jamie Reid, Retna

Chumbawamba's hit single "Tubthumping" brings long-awaited success to this British band. The song becomes popular at pro sports events, kicking off games for several teams.



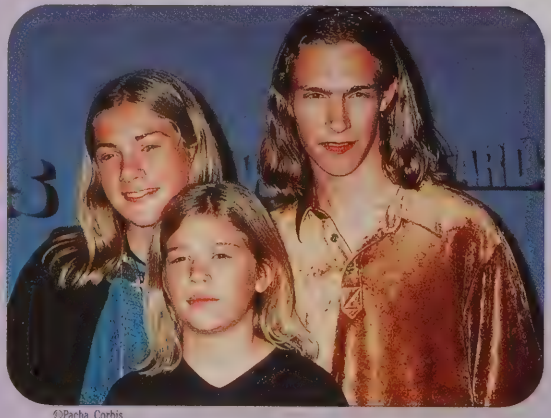
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Rap artist the Notorious B.I.G. is killed in a March 1997 drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. He is posthumously awarded MTV's 1997 Best Rap Video Award for "Hypnotize" and is named *Spin* magazine's Artist of the Year.

Fiona Apple, 20, one of rock's female superstars, is named MTV's Best New Artist in a Video. Her single "Criminal" soars to the top of the charts.



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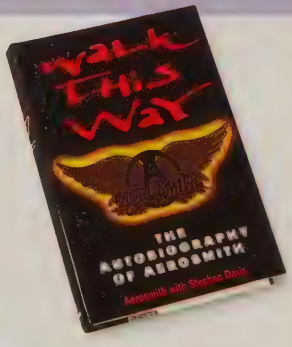
With their hit single "MMMBop," three young brothers from Tulsa become one of the biggest breakthrough acts of 1997 as the band Hanson.

Lilith Fair, an all-female summer rock concert, draws large crowds on its 37-stop tour. Canadian singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan masterminds the festival and releases a hit album, *Surfacing*.



Ray Boudreaux, Retna

Country music superstar Garth Brooks releases *Sevens*, his first album in two years. The album sells 800,000 copies the first week.

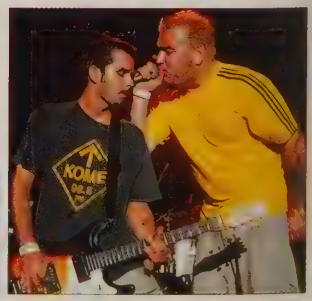


Walk This Way: The Autobiography of Aerosmith chronicles the long career of the band notorious for its excesses in the '70s and '80s. The group's new album *Nine Lives* is nominated for a 1998 Grammy.

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Drummer Bill Berry leaves R.E.M. after 17 years with the popular rock group. R.E.M. plans to continue as a trio.

Kenny G. enters the *Guinness Book of World Records* for holding the longest musical note—45 minutes, 47 seconds—on his saxophone.



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Smash Mouth popularizes a genre of alternative rock known as neo-ska with its hit single "Walkin' on the Sun" and debut album *Fush Yu Mang*.

British pop phenomenon, the Spice Girls, makes millions with mega-hits such as "Wannabe" and sells 14 million albums and 10 million singles.

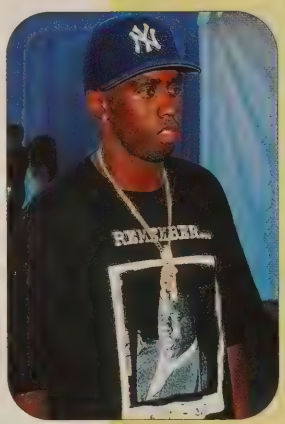
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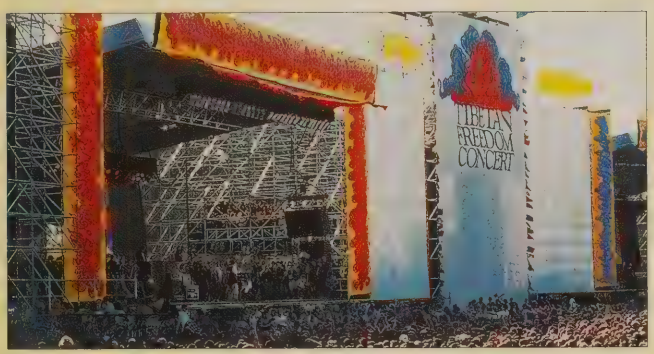
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Adam Yauch of the Beastie Boys engineers the second Tibetan Freedom Concert, held in June in New York, offering 27 music acts and a free-Tibet political message.



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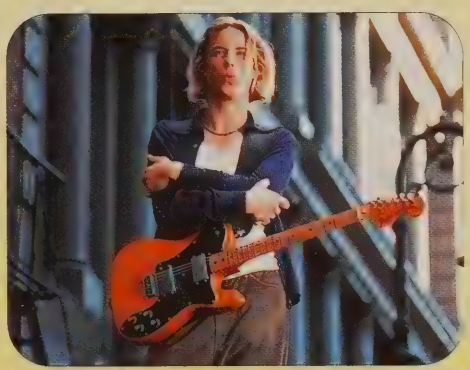


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Third Eye Blind, after several years in San Francisco's underground music scene, goes big time in 1997. Their song "Semi-Charmed Life" is listed as the top-selling modern rock single for 1997 in *Billboard* magazine.

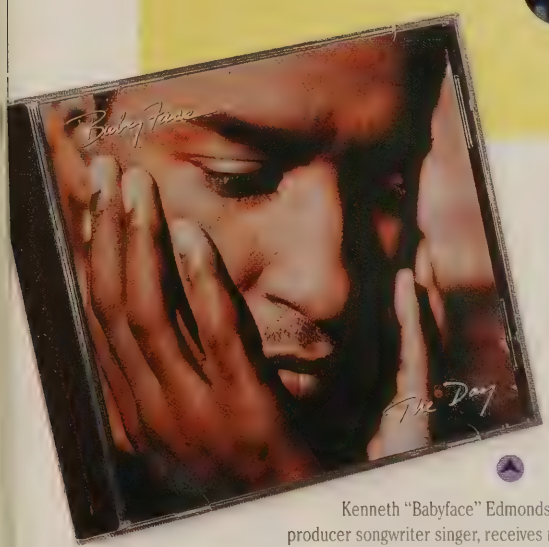
The album *No Way Out* by Puff Daddy & the Family goes multiplatinum. Puffy's single "I'll Be Missing You," an elegy to his friend the Notorious B.I.G., also tops the charts.

Sixteen-year-old R&B phenom Jonny Lang opens for the Rolling Stones' fall tour and spends 16 weeks at No. 1 on *Billboard*'s blues chart with his album *Lie to Me*.



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Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, superstar producer songwriter singer, receives more 1998 Grammy nominations than any other artist, including one for his album *The Day*. Edmonds and wife Tracey also produce the film *Soul Food* in 1997.

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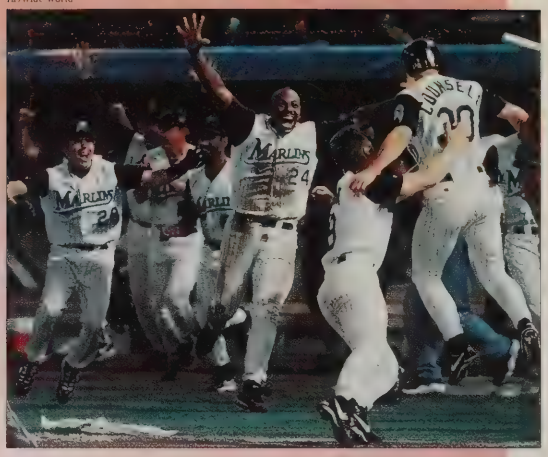
Metallica releases a seventh album, *Re-Load*, that confirms its position as the premier heavy-metal band in the music world.

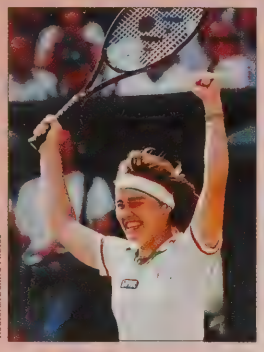
Radiohead is *Spin* magazine's Band of the Year. Critics praise Radiohead's album *OK Computer*, variously described as haunting, revolting, inscrutable, stunning and gorgeous. The album receives a 1998 Grammy nomination for Rock/Pop Album of the Year.

At 15, country music sensation LeAnn Rimes sells more than 12.5 million recordings in the U.S. in 1997 and is named *Billboard* Music Awards Artist of the Year. Her single "How Do I Live" is one of the year's best sellers.

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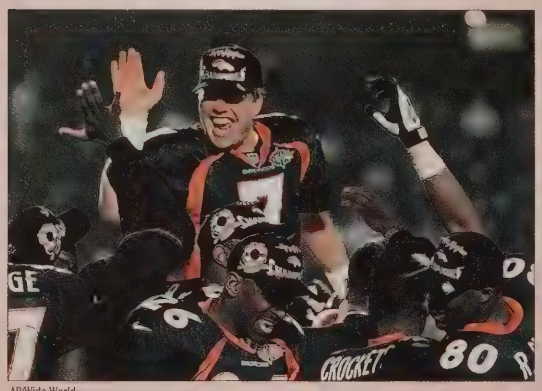




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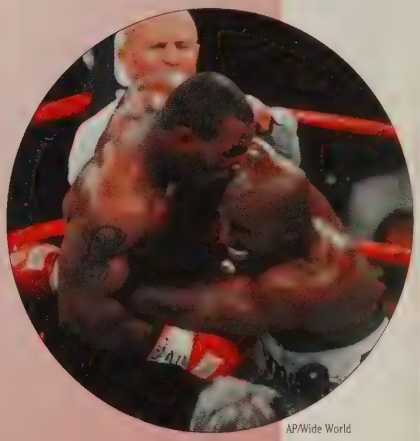
In July, 16-year-old Swiss tennis star Martina Hingis becomes the youngest Wimbledon champion since 1887. Hingis wins three of the four 1997 Grand Slam events.

The Florida Marlins are baseball's 1997 World Series champs and the first team ever to win the Series without winning its league pennant. The Marlins defeat the Cleveland Indians in seven games.



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Quarterback John Elway leads the Denver Broncos to a 31-24 victory over the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXII in San Diego, January 25, 1998. It is Elway's first Super Bowl win in four appearances.



AP/Wide World

Mike Tyson bites off part of Evander Holyfield's ear and is disqualified in the WBA Heavyweight rematch in June 1997. Tyson is fined nearly $3 million and his boxing license is revoked.



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Tiger Woods, 21, becomes the youngest golfer ever to win the Masters Tournament. His 18-under-par score sets a Masters record. Woods wins 3 other tournaments and sets a PGA Tour earnings record of $2.1 million for the season.

flash

Swedish golfing phenomenon Annika Sorenstam, 26, tops the LPGA earnings list in 1997 with a record $1,236,789.

Professional sports salaries keep skyrocketing. One of the most publicized of 1997 is Kevin Garnett's $126 million contract to play basketball for the Minnesota Timberwolves.



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Pittsburgh Penguins' Mario Lemieux retires in April 1997 after a spectacular comeback from Hodgkin's disease and injury. Lemieux is elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in September.



In April 1997, the premier issue of *Sports Illustrated Women* hits the newsstands. The magazine reflects the explosive growth of female participation in sports.



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Charles Woodson, Michigan's versatile junior cornerback, becomes the first primarily defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy, awarded in December.

Jeff Gordon, at 26, wins the 1997 NASCAR Winston Cup, his second Winston Cup point title in three years. Gordon's 1997 points total 4,710.

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Scott Cunningham, NBA/Allsport

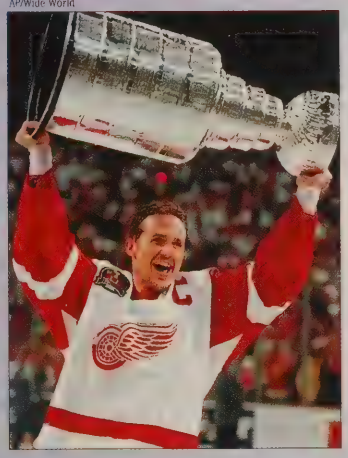




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Nagano, Japan, hosts the 1998 Winter Olympic Games during February. Three new medal sports make their Olympic debut: curling, snowboarding and women's ice hockey.

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The Chicago Bulls beat the Utah Jazz in June 1997 for their fifth NBA championship in seven years. Michael Jordan is chosen Finals MVP a record fifth time.

When the college football season ends, two teams share the national championship. Michigan (12-0) is named No. 1 by the sports writers' poll, and Nebraska (13-0) by the coaches' poll.

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Detroit Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman powers his team to the 1997 Stanley Cup championship, its first in 42 years, by sweeping the Philadelphia Flyers in four games.



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In its debut season, the WNBA exceeds all league expectations for success. The Houston Comets' championship win over the New York Liberty caps the 1997 season.

flash

Women officiate in an all-male professional sports league for the first time. The pioneers, Dee Kanter and Violet Palmer, are referees in the NBA.

Mark McGwire, of the St. Louis Cardinals, slams 52 homers in 1996 and 58 in 1997. McGwire becomes only the second player in baseball history with back-to-back, 50-home-run seasons, the other being Babe Ruth.



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Dean Smith, winningest coach in college basketball history, retires in October after 36 seasons at North Carolina. *Sports Illustrated* names him 1997 Sportsman of the Year.

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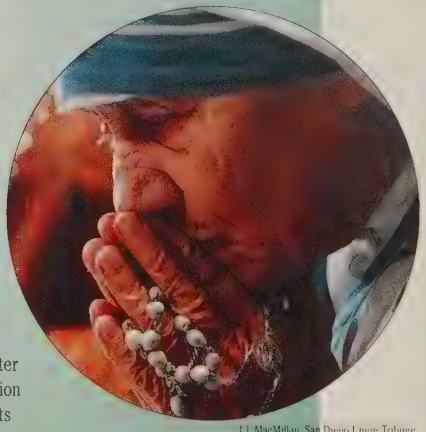
Miss Illinois, Katherine Shindle, is crowned Miss America 1998. For the first time in its 77-year history the pageant allows contestants to wear two-piece swimsuits in competition.



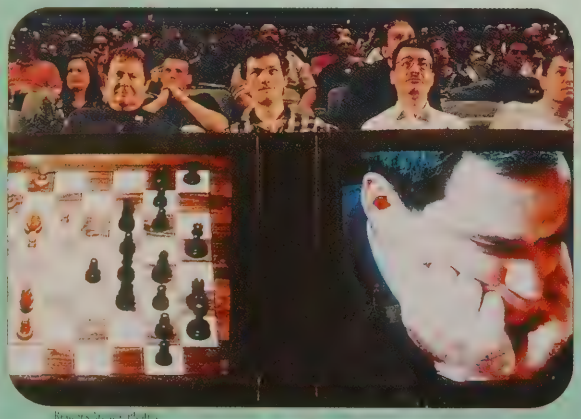
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Chelsea Clinton begins her freshman year at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. Despite security measures, she reportedly will lead as normal a college life as possible.

Beloved actor Jimmy Stewart dies in July at 89. Stewart's enduring nice-guy popularity is exemplified by *It's a Wonderful Life*, his 1946 movie that is now an American cultural icon.



J. L. MacMillan, San Diego Union Tribune



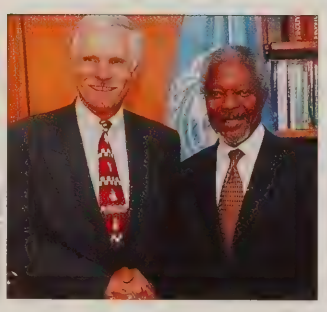
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For the first time, a computer beats a world chess champion when IBM's Deep Blue beats Russian Garry Kasparov in a six-game match in May 1997.

Roman Catholic nun Mother Teresa of Calcutta dies September 5 at the age of 87. Revered for a lifetime of helping the poorest of the poor, her many honors include the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.



American Jody Williams and the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines are awarded the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize in October. The U.S. and China refuse to sign an international treaty to help world ban land mines.



Ted Turner, vice chairman of the Time Warner media empire, pledges $1 billion to United Nations programs. It is the largest single gift in philanthropic history.

flash

Former leader of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev films a TV commercial for Pizza Hut. He reportedly earns $1 million for the appearance, money he plans to use to benefit his Gorbachev Foundation.

Singer John Denver dies in October at 53 when the experimental plane he is piloting crashes into California's Monterey Bay.



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Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, appears in ads as a spokesperson for Weight Watchers International. She is the former wife of England's Prince Andrew.

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